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GEN. HIBBS OUTLINES UNIT TRAINING PLAN

Div. Musical Revue To Be Presented In Two Rec Halls

"Stay-ins," who missed the initial performance at Baton Rouge several weeks ago, will have their chance to hear and see the musical revue, "Emergency Furlough," in Camp Van Dorn this week-end.

The tuneful show will be presented in Div. Arty. Rec. Hall tonight and at the CT Blue Rec Hall tomorrow night, both programs being scheduled to start at 2000. All soldiers and their friends are invited to view the performances without charge.

The cast is composed of comely co-eds from Louisiana State U., actor-members of the 63d Inf. Div.—with the Div. Arty. Chorus brought in for a bit of close-harmony on such favorites as "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "You're Devastating," and others.

Sgt. John Campbell, of Div. Band has the male lead, while pretty Miss Weslyn Stephens, of Baton Rouge, has the ingenue's role.

In support of the two leads are Miss Polly Wade, of LSU, Miss Mary Fuhrmann, Pvt. Arnold Spector, Sgt. Jack Bracken, Pvt. William J. Federer, Cpl. Joe Pollock, Pfc. Gilbert Vitale and a group of attractive girls from LSU who appear as models in a colorful fashion show number.

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254th Band Plays At Natchez Dance

The City of Natchez through its Servicemen's Center, is sponsoring a formal dance at the City Auditorium tonight for soldiers of Camp Van Dorn and surrounding Army posts. Co. B, of the Military Maids with Miss Carrie Bufkin as captain, will be host.

Music for the dancing will be furnished by the 254th Inf. orchestra of 12 pieces.

Tomorrow afternoon at the Servicemen's Center the 254th will have charge of the weekly broadcast over Station WMIS. The orchestra will play, the most interesting man in the 254th, Pvt. Jack Campbell, Co. M., will be interviewed by Cpl. Leslie Heath, of the regimental special service office, and a hill billy trio will sing. Cpl. Heath was an announcer and actor for the Blue Network in San Diego, Calif., in civilian life.



VETERANS of fighting in Africa and Sicily testify that, though their was rear echelon work, danger does not avoid the rear echelon. T/Sgt. Earl L. Babcock (right) and Pfc. Arvin Steen (center), newly assigned here, get their first look at the Blood and Fire shoulder patch.

Rear Echelon No Picnic, Returning Vets Declare

Take it from some newly assigned members of the 63d Inf. Div., you rear-echelon soldiers, that the war won't pass you by.

T/Sgt. Earl L. Babcock and three other soldiers from the 7th Army and Allied Forces commands who have been assigned to various units here this week spent more than a year in the African and Sicilian campaigns. And, though their respective duties abroad ranged from dock guarding and truck driving to statistical work, each played tag with injury and death.

Frequent Bombings
Aerial bombardment was the bane of their existence. Despite the ultimate Allied superiority in the Mediterranean skies, the enemy often managed to sneak through a few planes. There, comparatively remote from the front lines, dock installations and headquarters were the logical targets for the explosives.

Pfc. Arvin Steen, a Minnesotan with hash-marks denoting 24 months abroad on his left sleeve, disclosed, "In Algiers, where we had the Allied Forces Hq., there was a stretch of several months in which we were under almost constant nightly aerial attack. Once or twice, the Luftwaffe laid a couple of 'eggs' within a few hundred yards of where I was trying to dig

in for safety and when they were that close I felt that a locomotive had rushed by doing 80 an hour.

"However, just about the time the Germans stopped coming over, we became so used to them we were sleeping through the raids."

20-Day Furloughs
Sgt. Babcock, who spent 13 months attached to the AG and C. of S. sections of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 7th Army command, came to the 63d with the others through transfer from Ft. Sheridan, Ill. All were returned from overseas December 7, 1943, under the Army's policy of rotating its personnel after at least six months' service abroad. Under this plan those with that much foreign duty to their credit are eligible for return to the States for 20-day furloughs before being reassigned.

And, it might be noted by those who balk at the 63d's policy of permitting 7 per cent of the command on furlough at one time, that only 1/2 of 1 per cent of an overseas command is given the opportunity to return home.

Inducted on Birthday
The Sergeant had been an auditor with the Union Pacific railroad prior to his induction into the Army on his 40th birthday. Accordingly, he was assigned to keep statistics on the personnel (Continued on Page 2.)

New Record

Sgt. Gilbert C. Oliver, leader of the Defense Plat. of Div. Hq. Co., tied the 63d Inf. Div.'s all-time record with the carbine Monday and set a new record for Camp Van Dorn when he scored 192 out of a possible 200.

The record of 192 previously had been held solely by Lt. Benjamin B. Safar, aide to Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery commander. Lt. Safar made his score when the Division was at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Prior to Sgt. Oliver's performance this week, the highest scores posted since the Division moved to Van Dorn were 191, fired by Pvt. William L. Biddle, Hq., Btry., Div. Arty., and 190, made by Capt. John U. Fehl, medical officer of the 263d Engrs.

Hardening Aim Of Second Step In Schooling

Cross-Country Moves, Patrols, Night Raids, Mess Kit Eating on Program

The axiom that the American soldier works best when he knows what confronts him was substantiated today by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. The General, during an interview with a BLOOD AND FIRE reporter, mentioned several objectives that will be sought during the Unit Training Period. The UTP follows successful completion of the Corps test of individual training proficiency.

The steps of training laid down by the General cover the transition from individual to unit training and the gradual hardening process necessary to produce combat efficiency.

"I want the men to know," said the General, "that there are several objectives for infantry units that must be embodied in our training during the coming period as far as general unit operations are concerned.

Move Cross-Country
"One is the ability to move cross-country. Effective immediately, all movements of infantry units will be conducted off the roads, except when it's essential to save time in order to get to a training area; also, of course, it may be necessary to avoid moving cross-country through an area occupied by other troops in training, or the ground may be so bogged down in mud and water that it will be impossible to move cross-country. At other times units will stay off the road with marching troops.

"Carrying this matter of cross-country movement further," he added, "the preponderance of movement will be done not in a column of threes, winding in and out among the woods, but in a dispersed formation.

"That means either a column of platoons in the company, each one dispersed by squads, or a column of platoons where the squads are dispersed at all times in a closed column or in an open column. At night, of course, it will be necessary to (Continued on Page 8.)

Division Broadcast To Salute Medics

The Division's weekly broadcast over Station WWL, New Orleans, tomorrow night from 1800 to 1815 will salute the Medical Corps and the men, who without arms, carry out their hazardous works of mercy on the battlefield. "Johnny Didn't Get His Gun" is the title.

The 15 minute sketch will depict a battlefield scene in which two aid men discuss their work. One is a conscientious objector who became a pill roller in order not to have to take up arms in battle. The other, a fiery Irishman, bemoans his lot because he is not in the thick of the fight.

Port Gibson Folk Help Furnish 254th Dayroom

The dayroom at AT Co., 254th Inf., has been brightened considerably by the addition of a piano and several pieces of furniture including a couch, easy chairs, and tables and a bookcase, all the gifts of the Red Cross of Port Gibson, Miss.

Port Gibson is the town in which General Earl Van Dorn, Confederate leader, after whom Camp Van Dorn is named, was born. The members of the Port Gibson Red Cross thought it fitting that they donate furnishings for one of the dayrooms of the 63d Division and the AT Co.'s room was chosen as the one that needed them most.

'Hard Luck John' Bakun Has Record of Near Misses

When war finally caught up with Pvt. John P. Bakun at his home in Maynard, Mass., it almost missed him—and his record has been full of near misses ever since.

Bakun, now in the supply section of Btry. A, 863d F. A., was 38 years and nine months old when he was inducted Dec. 2, 1942.

Three days later came the order halting inductions of men over 38.

Sent from Massachusetts to North Carolina, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, he was shipped to Africa.

He arrived in Casablanca too late for the big action, but got in for the victory parade.

Then, finding himself an artilleryman with nothing at which to fire, he was sent to the back

country as a prisoner-of-war escort guard. His job was to delouse Italian and German prisoners, a detail which kept him busy. Sometimes from 1,500 to 3,000 prisoners passed through the camp in a single day.



He nearly got home—and nearly got back into the war zone—last May. He and 74 others, mostly casualties and overage men, were told they were going home. They boarded ship and, after numerous delays, arrived in Glasgow, Scotland. Their officers left on another ship and, shepherded by a top sergeant, the 75 were sent to Liverpool. Just as they were beginning to enjoy fish and chips and to tolerate the wartime beer, off they went to Scotland again.

In Glasgow they were ordered on ship again—only to find, when they boarded the vessel, that it was a troop ship bound for Africa again. The 75 were returned to Liverpool and placed on another ship bound, they thought, for New York and home.

The ship landed at Newport News, Va., instead. There, on June 2, it was discovered that the records of the 75 men were lost.

"No one around there knew what to do," Bakun said, "but by the



first week in July 25 of the men, including myself, were shipped to Camp Croft, S. C., where the 35 were broken up and sent to various camps. Five of us came to Van Dorn."

In Newport News, Bakun was re-inducted into the Army, just to make things sure.

The biggest near miss of his whole Army career came while Bakun and his 74 fellow travelers were wandering over the seas. It was during that voyage that the Army decided to release some men over 38. There never was an application blank aboard ship, and Bakun never had a chance to try for a discharge.

So he still is in the Army awaiting the happy day when things will begin to click right again.



OKANOGAN, Wash.—The mother of Maj. Gregory Boyington, Marine pilot who became America's third ace to down 26 enemy planes, received word from the Navy Department that he is missing in action. The telegram came the same day as the announcement that Maj. Boyington had downed his twenty-sixth Japanese plane in the Southwest Pacific.

NEW YORK—Cpl. Arthur Clifford Read, a native-born American soldier, described by the FBI as a soldier of fortune who once was a general in the Chinese army, has been arrested on charges of acting as an agent of the Japanese government without notifying the State Department. Director J. Edgar Hoover said Read admitted receiving about \$15,000 from Japanese officials for prewar propaganda work, in addition to trips to and from Japan and an automobile with which he filled lecture engagements.

MOBILE, Ala.—A liquor store for women only, possibly the first of its kind in the nation, proved itself "a complete success" here, state beverage board officials said. Most of the women wanted bourbon. "The women took a little longer to shop, just as they always have, and they took longer to decide what substitute they wanted, but that was not any real problem," said J. B. Bransford, superintendent of the seven state stores in this war-booming port.

DETROIT—Richard W. Reading, mayor of Detroit in 1938-39, must serve the prison sentence of four to five years given him nearly two years ago, the state supreme court ruled. Reading and 24 others were convicted December 15, 1941, of having conspired to protect the \$10,000-a-year numbers racket. Reading is a defendant in another criminal case in Federal Court involving income tax evasion.

BATON ROUGE, La.—The "forgotten man" of Plaquemine Parish, George Sias, negro who was awaiting the electric chair when state guards marched into Pointe a la Hache courthouse on his execution day to install a new sheriff and he was overlooked in the scramble, was granted another 30-day reprieve by Gov. Jones. Sias originally was scheduled to die last Oct. 9.

NEW YORK—Mrs. Herbert Hoover, America's "first lady" from 1929 to 1933, died unexpectedly after a heart attack. The former President was by her side when she was stricken. She was 68 years old. In Washington, Mrs. Daniel C. Roper, 73, widow of the former secretary of commerce, died after a long illness.

DETROIT—John S. Bugas, FBI chief here, has resigned to join the Ford Motor Co. staff. Another notable resignation is that of Miss Sarah Sheridan, vice-president and sales manager of the Detroit Edison Co., who retired after 51 years as one of the few women executives in the utility field.

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T/5 VIRGINIA KILGORE opens one of the hundred of letters from service men she has received since her picture was published in YANK magazine. Others are shown scattered over her desk.

Clubs to Present Musical Programs

With nearly all the good music of America's recording libraries at their disposal, soldiers of the 63d Inf. Div. will be able to hear classical and semi-classical music several times a week at Service Clubs 1 and 2.

The clubs' large Magnavox radio-phonographs have been rebuilt and music rooms in the clubs reopened. In addition to the basic collection of albums and single records at each club, the Armed Forces Traveling Collection and the V-Discs supplied monthly by the Army are available to GI music-lovers.

No formal programs have been arranged by Miss Emma Jo Alexander and Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarians at Clubs 1 and 2, respectively, in the belief that most soldiers prefer to select their own recordings.

At both clubs, evening request programs of recordings are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1930 to 2130 and Saturdays from 1930 to 2000. Another request program is scheduled at Club No. 1 Saturdays from 1330 to 1630 and 2000 to 2100. Instruments in both music rooms will be tuned to the Philharmonic broadcasts Sunday afternoons and Saturday afternoons listeners at Club 2 will be able to hear Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

Division Show In 2 Rec. Halls

(Continued From Page 1.) Pvt. Paul Taubman, former NBC staff pianist and organist, directs the musical score which combines in the main numbers from the successful New York musical comedy, "Roberta."

The entire production is under the supervision of Maj. Robert K. Lieding, Division Special Service Officer.

The world's largest doors are those used on Navy blimp hangars. They are 120 feet high and weigh 240 tons.

Soldier Was Willing to Oblige On Corps C O's Fight Challenge

Seeking to determine the readiness of the doughboy for combat, the Corps Commander on a recent visit was asking each man as he came to him, among other things, "Do you want to fight? Are you ready to fight?" etc.

The question varied somewhat in its exact form from man to man, and backfired once, to the huge enjoyment of the Corps Commander, who now has the story of the week to tell on himself.

We record the end of the conversation: "You're a pretty husky looking man. How much do you weigh?"

"A hundred and sixty-five, sir."

"You in pretty good shape?"

"Yes, Sir, I think I am."

"You want to fight?"

A pause, while what appears to be an astonishing proposal from a two-star general sinks in! (Things do move fast and strangely in this new life as a soldier!) Then, starting rather reluctantly to lay down his rifle, our doughboy says, respectfully: "Well, Sir, I guess I will, if I have to!"

Arty Belts Foe for Infantry, Says GI Reporting to Folks

By Pvt. Irwin Ross

Last week I introduced you to our outfit, Battery B of the 863d Field Artillery Battalion; and for a while your curiosity seemed appeased. Now you ask, a trifle impatiently, "But just what do you do?"

Well, we do a surprising amount of things for a mere group of 106 enlisted men and four or five of-

ficers. I suppose you know that the mission of artillery is to support the infantry by lobbing explosive shells of various kinds into the enemy's bewildered ranks. While artillery batteries knock the innards out of the enemy positions, our foot troops move in and, in a personal and often times quite intimate manner, shoot, bayonet or otherwise dislodge the enemy infantry.

Five Btrys in Bn.

Five batteries make up an artillery battalion—three of them fire the howitzers and are known, logically enough, as "firing" batteries; Service Battery provides ammunition and supplies; Headquarters Battery furnishes communications. Battery B is one of the firing batteries, but not all of us man the guns. The cannoners are the hardy lads who actually fire the pieces; the rest of us help in one way or another. The "Fifth Section" handles our machine gun and bazooka defenses. The instrument Section computes the data which allows the guns to fire with reasonable assurance of hitting an unseen target. Wire and radio crews provide communications within the battery. The motor section services our trucks, the mess section feeds us. A battery is a close-knit, highly organized, complexly interdependent community.

We've just finished basic training. In addition to mastering our particular specialties, each of us has been exposed to a maze of sundry military lore. We've absorbed some of the mysteries of military courtesy, learned to walk guard in the approved manner, become adept at handling the carbine and the gas mask. We know a smattering of first aid, we've studied the intricacies of army organization, we can read a simple map, and we can drill—not like regulars, but respectably. We've hiked and bivouaced and run obstacle courses galore.

Repetition Necessary

The army is a good teacher—judging by results—but while you're going to school, you often wonder whether you're learning something or just standing by and passively pocketing your \$1.64 a day. Army education proceeds on the principle that you never learn anything the first time you hear it, but that after six or seven repetitions, it may finally seep in. However necessary this maxim is, it means excruciating boredom for those unfortunate who pay attention the first time.

Superficially, Army school is organized like civilian school. The day is broken up into hourly periods, 50 minutes of learning, 10 of relaxing. There the similarity ends. Unless the weather is inclement, classes are held outdoors—probably because it's less likely you'll fall asleep out in a wind-swept field than in a warm classroom. A blackboard is propped up against a tree or the side of a building, the instructor stands in front of it, the students seat themselves in a semi-circle on the ground.

A surprising thing, perhaps, is that however many times we missed work we were supposed to get—in the end we discovered, to our pleasant amazement, that we knew a thing or two; that, indeed, we had "produced" to the extent demanded of us.

All of basic, of course, was not classes. But this much—all that counts—you can say of Army school: it works.

Rear Echelon Hard, Veterans Declare

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and materiel losses of both the 7th Army and the enemy in the two campaigns.

This work brought him into contact with the men and equipment of the German army and as a result he was able to make the following observations.

"Such enemy materiel as we saw on the battlefields of Africa and Sicily was good but not quite up to the calibre of our own.

In order to index the individual German soldier it is necessary to divide them into age groups.

"The younger men, indoctrinated with the tenets of Hitlerism, were uncommunicative and arrogant, firm in their belief in a German victory. The older men talked more freely and it was evident that among them they did not hold such faith in the all-conquering might of Nazism.

"And, all were misguided and uninformed, for when we took Bizerte and Tunis they were still under the impression Oran and Algiers were in German hands."

The remainder of the group, who like Steen were with the 34th Inf. Div. attached to Allied Forces, was composed of Sgt. Donald Harper of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and Pvt. Gil Hughes, of Davenport, Iowa.

Soldiers' Main Gripe—Trousers Are Too Tight

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Two out of every five soldiers in the Army are sore because their pants are too tight, according to a survey released here recently by the Morale Services division.

The GIs made their opinion of their pants known in a gripe sheet issued them by the division. Only one soldier in eight, however, complained about his shoes and, contrary to barracks conversation, most of them seemed satisfied with the food.

Sgt. with "Unskilled Eyes" Brings Down Eight Planes

BRITAIN (CNS)—T-Sgt. Thomas Dye of Steubenville washed out of air gunnery school because he had an "unskilled shooting eye."

Since then Dye, who is a radio operator most of the time but a tail gunner in emergencies, has shot down eight enemy planes and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and three clusters with the Air Medal.

GRAFTON, Mass. (CNS)—CPO John O'Bara and his brother Frank are twins but you'd never guess it. John is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds. Frank is four feet tall, weighs 95 pounds.

Accurate Bombing Of Targets Possible With New Device

The U. S. Army Air Force has come up with another new "secret weapon," the use of which makes possible the accurate bombing of targets obscured by as much as 25,000 feet of thick cloud overcast.

Described by Maj. Gen. Frederick Anderson, Jr., commander of the Eighth Bomber Command, as of tremendous importance in the United Nations' aerial assault on Germany, the new "weapon" is probably the most minutely developed navigational aid in the history of air warfare. Already, it has been used in bombing missions involving a total of more than 8,000 bombers and fighters.

Gen. Anderson, who disclosed information on the navigational aid at a press conference held in Washington shortly after his return from Britain, said that his British-based command with the aid of the new device, dropped more than 9,000 tons of bombs on Adolf Hitler's Fortress Europe in one month.

Another disclosure made recently by the AAF was that a brand new German Junkers 88 bomber has been installed at a well-guarded hangar at Wright Field, Ohio, where it is being studied by engineers.

The plane was flown from Rumania to a British airfield on the island of Cyprus by a discouraged young Nazi pilot who explained to the British that he was "tired of it all." It was then flown to the U. S. from Cairo. Engineers hope to learn German plane secrets by studying it.

Service Clubs Add Books to Libraries

Recent acquisitions of fiction and non-fiction at the library of Service Club No. 2, as announced by Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarian, include the following:

FICTION—Vicki Baum: The Weeping Wood; Llewellyn: None But the Lonely Heart; Philip Zara: Against This Rock; Allan Seager: Equinox; Rhodes: Sword of Bone; McHugh: I Am Thinking of My Darling; O'Hara: Thunderhead; Moon: The Darker Brother.

NON-FICTION—Sousa: My Family, Right or Wrong; Beebe: Snoot If You Must; de Kruff: The Kaiser Wakes the Doctors; Farago: German Psychological Warfare; Samuel Grafton: An American Diary; Greene: Infantry Journal Reader; Gallagher: Back Door to Berlin.

Grenade in Pocket Saves Life of Sgt.

NEW GEORGIA (CNS)—Sgt. Lowren W. Scholfield, 22, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, owes his life to a hand grenade.

Hit by enemy fire during an operation here, Scholfield was knocked 15 feet into a trench occupied by Lt. Paul J. Redmond of New Haven, Conn., a chaplain.

"I'm hit, father," Scholfield gasped.

The chaplain examined him and found that a missile had gone through his left breast pocket, hit a hand grenade he was carrying, knocked him breathless, but had been deflected without injuring him.

Spam Soldiers Eat Isn't Spam at All

AUSTIN, MINN. (CNS)—Rising to the defense of their product, the Hormel company, manufacturers of Spam, has denied that any of the product has ever been sold to the U. S. Army.

"Since the war started, we have not sold a single can of Spam to the Army," the company stated. "The Quartermaster buys no Spam because the package size—12 ounces—is impractical."

The Hormel company insists that the product that soldiers call "Spam"—and other names—is really "luncheon meat."

Construction of a four-engined, long-range bomber requires the use of six miles of wire of various sizes and types.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"... I've lived here a long time, soldier—but I've never heard of that custom before!"

Hardening Object Of Second Phase In Div. Schooling

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sary to move in closer formations. The important thing is this: units must continuously endeavor to build up their ability to disperse, move, and maintain control."

Emphasis on Patrols

The Division Commander also placed emphasis on the working and use of patrols during the UTL.

"All units in their training," he declared, "will seek opportunities to develop the use of patrols—and that means all units. It applies to the artillery; it applies to the Quartermaster Company; it applies to the defense platoon of the Division Headquarters Company; it applies to the Ordnance Company."

Here the General made a novel and interesting disclosure. He said:

"In order to bring home more forcibly to each unit the necessity for providing its own security, the Ranger Platoon and the Reconnaissance troop are going to be turned loose to seek to harass and disorganize units in the training areas. These two groups will function particularly in night operations, so you can expect them to descend upon you unless you do something to prevent them from getting in.

Contact Practice

"Everyone must understand that this raiding activity is not just for the purpose of giving the Rangers and Recon Troop the opportunity to play cops and robbers, but rather so that they will be able to develop their own capacity in patrolling and so that the units will have the practice of contact with them."

Combat training as applied to the messes and feeding men soon will be enacted both in garrison and in the field, it was learned.

"Some time in the next two weeks some new instructions will come out in regard to kitchens," Gen. Hibbs added. "When those new instructions come out they will prescribe that the coal ranges in mess halls be put out of use and that the china and all cooking equipment, except that which is TE for the field range, will also be placed out of use. All troops will eat out of mess kits and the Division will go on a field basis as far as the handling of messes and the feeding of the men is concerned.

Plan Field Kitchens

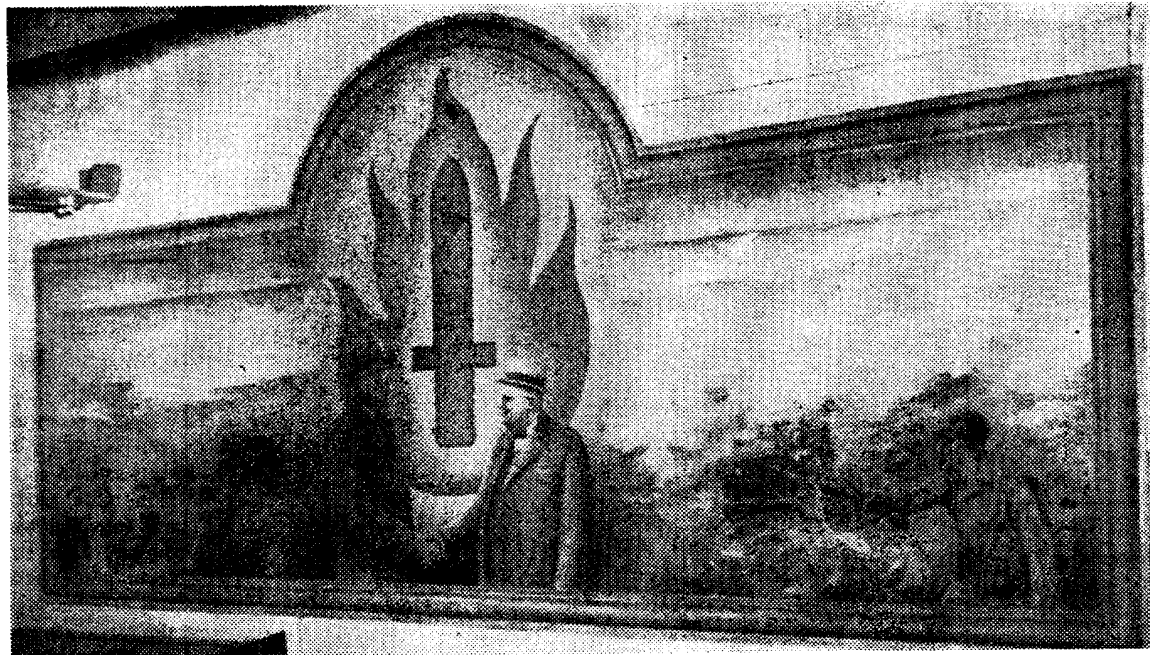
"Also very essential in this project is the fact that troops operating in the field—that is where they don't eat out of chow lines as we do here in camp—will be fed from hot food containers and not from chow lines. That is the way they will be fed in combat, and so that is how they will be fed in our training."

The General pointed out that the food containers either can be filled here in camp if the commander prefers to leave the kitchen in camp, or else the kitchen can be taken out and established in a bivouac which is not right in the area where the troops are eating. That way the hot food containers could be filled there and transported to the units, which would not be far distant.

"The allocation of hot food containers," the General stated, "is sufficient to feed the men, and it should be so established in units that each platoon, for instance, has its own containers plainly marked so that they can tell them day or night. Furthermore, these containers should be habitually filled at the kitchen, and habitually secured by the platoon or delivered to the platoon, so that the platoon commander has the responsibility of issuing the food and seeing that all the men get fed."

ENGLAND (CNS)—A post-graduate school for airmen where carefully selected British and American fighter pilots are taught perfect tactical co-operation has been established here. Its purpose is to prepare fliers for the air battles which will precede and accompany the opening of the second front in Europe.

RED BANK, N. J. (CNS)—Five injections of snake serum saved the life of Fred Wege, 13, after he was bitten by a deadly coral snake he had taken to school to show to his biology class.



ORIGIN of the Blood and Fire insignia is shown in this spectacular mural, the work of Cpl. George Barnes, noted both for his art and his boxing. It adorns the day room of Hq. Co., 254th Inf. The mural shows President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at the Casablanca Conference, where the name of 63d Inf. Div. was born, against a battlefield background.

Ramblers Score Hit With Cowboy Songs

Featured by Bob "Tex" Calkins and his Texas Ramblers, the Nat. Rodgers Camp Shows played before large crowds in Div. Rec. Halls during the past week. The Calkins troupe of five performers presented a musical act in which Irving Slegal, composer of cowboy songs, sang several of his numbers accompanying himself on the guitar.

Lonnie Raymond, who came to the Ramblers by way of Chicago, but who proved she could present cowboy songs in the accepted manner, brought encores with her presentation of "Back Into Your Heart." Texas Slim proved a hit with his electric guitar and his ability to yodel.

The quintet came to the Rodgers circuit from a tour of theaters in the Southwest and from engagements on the radio.

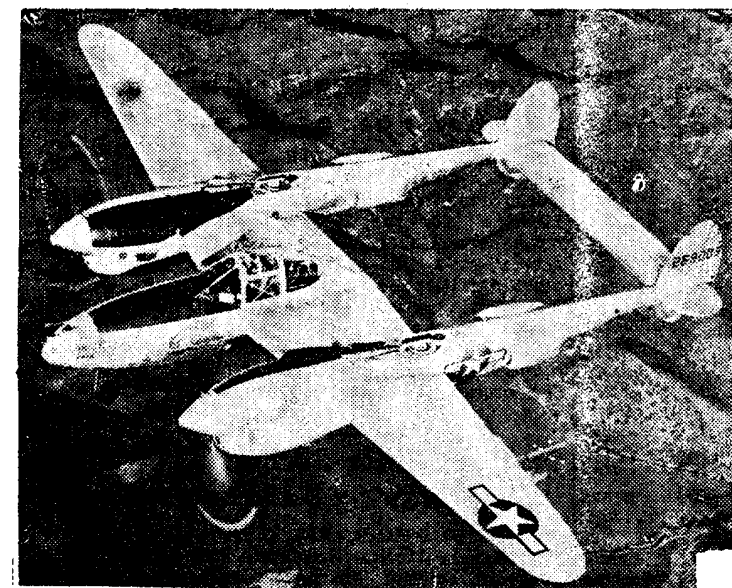
Supplementing the Calkins act were three of the attractive Rodgersettes, Ginger Kaye, Lollie Deane and Clarine O'Day, who appeared in chorus spots. Charlie Joy, comedian, was assisted by Emil Arp, master of ceremonies. Arp played in stock companies throughout the Middle West. His last casting was in "Mr. and Mrs. North."

Slav Wounded Receive Medical Aid From Allies

ALGIERS (CNS)—Allied military hospitals here and in Italy now are caring for scores of Yugoslav Partisan soldiers wounded in Josip Broz's fight against the Axis. Broz, an avowed Communist, has taken the nom de guerre of "Marshal Tito."

Partisan boats, which have been carrying arms and other supplies to Marshal Tito from Allied bases, are now returning with wounded guerrilla fighters to be attended at Anglo-American hospitals.

About two pounds of household fats are required to make the ingredients for one incendiary bomb.



REAL LIGHTNING is the P-38 shown above. With war paint removed the Lightning will strike the Axis sparking like the electricity after which it is named. Eliminating camouflage saves thousands of production man-hours and decreases skin friction. Dark lacquer on nose and engine nacelles protects pilot's vision.

Plan World Affairs Quiz Based On 'Town Meetings'

A regimental quiz on world affairs, based in part on the three "Town Hall Meetings" already held as part of the 254th Inf. orientation program, will be held Monday in Theater No. 5.

Packs of cigarets will be prizes to men of the 254th giving the best answers to questions put to the audience, which will take the quiz by battalions.

The four members of the "Town Hall" discussion panel will be judges for the quiz. They are Pfc. Gino Bardi, Hq. Co., former anti-fascist journalist; Pfc. Samuel Clark, Co. D, in civilian life a professor of history and radio newscaster; Pfc. Douwe Stuurman, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., former Rhodes scholar, traveler and professor of philosophy and literature, and Pvt. Nathan Gutman, for 10 years a world traveler and journalist.

Lt. George S. Hoar, regimental orientation officer, will have charge of the program.

China Is Subject

"Know Your Ally: China" will be the subject of the fourth "Town Hall" discussion, scheduled for the week of Jan. 24.

In last week's meeting, on "Know Your Ally: England and the British Empire," Bardi pointed out that "all countries have made mistakes in their history, but in the case of the British Empire the good points far outweighed the bad."

The Indian question, Bardi said, is not "out of bounds" for American soldiers. He declared that most of the British people want India to gain independence and expressed the opinion that India will gain dominion status after the war.

American lend-lease aid to Britain was defended by Clark, treating the economic side of the question. He pointed out that the only "economic" way a country can repay such a debt is through gold, goods or services.

U. S. Has Gold

"We have most of the gold in the world," he said. "We block

their goods by high tariffs; we do not want to use their ship and airline services instead of our own. Therefore, as after World War I, we only would have to cancel the debt."

Stuurman's comments on the military aspects of the question included observations that the evacuation of Dunkirk was the greatest in all military history, especially as shown by the recent routs of the Nazis as they tried to withdraw on the Russian front; that sea-conscious Britain now has had to become more interested in land forces because the frontier no longer is either the Channel or the Rhine, but the Continent, and that airpower has changed this waterborne empire into a "moated fortress" from which go out death-dealing Fortresses by day and the Lancasters by night.

Discusses Politics

The nature and development of Britain's "unwritten constitution" from the days of the Magna Carta to the Statute of Westminster in the 1930s were discussed by Gutman, discussing political aspects of the problem.

He pointed out that in the empire set-up the emigrated English-speaking groups live principally in the dominions, which he called "self-governing daughter states," whereas the native peoples who constitute 8 per cent of the empire's population are divided among the crown colonies, territories and mandates.

He pointed out that London controls the crown colonies through the Colonial Office in London; that the territories have no self-government at all, and that the mandates, formed from the broken German and Turkish empires, were supposed to be ruled only temporarily until the natives were ready for self-government.

Guess Second Front, Win Carton of Cigarets

A carton of cigarets awaits the man who makes the best guess as to time and place of the beginning of the second front, if he will put his guess in writing and leave it with Mrs. Avaril Broderson, hostess at Service Club No. 2.

Mrs. Broderson is recording entries in the pool, which is operated as part of the club's world affairs and orientation program. Under the direction of Pfc. Samuel Clark, Co. D, 254th Inf., former newscaster, a carton of cigarets has been awarded weekly for the cruelest or funniest rumor submitted at Clark's Saturday newscast at the Service Club.

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—Marine Sgt. Roman Rehogan of St. Louis must serve a hitch in all four branches of the service before he can inherit the \$1,000 his eccentric grandfather left him. Rehogan, now stationed here, enlisted in the Marines in 1940 after serving a hitch in the Army. He still has to serve in the Navy and the Coast Guard.

Growth of new wood in American forests is equivalent to approximately 1,000 board feet per second.

Orientation Course Keynotes Training Of Men in PTD

Orientation is the keynote of training in the Provisional Training Detachment.

"Although our training is necessarily restricted," said Maj. Frank B. Farr, PTD commanding officer, "there's one thing I insist upon and that is that every man in my command shall know why he's fighting."

The daily progress of Allied operations on far-flung battlefields is marked on elaborate war maps by orientation officers, Lt. Rufus D. Marlowe, of Co. A, and Lt. Sam Lewis, Co. B. The stepped-up bombing of Germany and occupied countries is pin-pointed on special pre-invasion maps.

In addition to the thrice-weekly lectures by these officers, the men of PTD are encouraged to present their own opinions of global conditions and to discuss Allied strategy.

Augmenting the prescribed lectures are a series of talks by 1st Sgt. Lawrence Poe, Co. A, who spent 11 months in the Southwest Pacific, four of them fighting Japs in the steaming jungles of Guadalcanal.

Assisting orientation officers are S/Sgt. William H. Rogers, Co. A, and Pvt. James Watson, Co. B. Sgt. Rogers is responsible for the brilliantly executed murals which serve as background for Co. A's orientation setup, as well as the Company insignia outside each orderly room.

Gas Coupon Advice Given GI Motorists

Because of the large turnover of automobiles among soldiers and a lack of familiarity with rationing practices, auto owners in the 63d Inf. Div. were advised this week of new regulations of the Office of Price Administration.

"Starting January 1 the OPA established a plan for more effective control over the return of gasoline rations issued to owners selling their cars," Harry C. Ash, chief clerk of Board 79-2, Centreville, said. "The new plan is designed to save substantial quantities of gasoline that might otherwise fall into unlawful uses."

When selling a motor vehicle the owner must take the remaining mileage ration coupons still in his possession to his War Price and Rationing Board, Ash said. The board will issue a receipt in duplicate. One copy of the receipt and the tire inspection record must be given the new owner. The other copy is retained by the seller. The new owner must present his receipt and tire inspection record to his board when applying for new gasoline rations.

Rationing applications are handled for the Division by the Division Provost Marshal's office, on 13th avenue near 6th avenue.

GIs Use Nail Polish To Polish Off Chiggers

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—Soldiers in this area are writing home for nail polish. But don't get the wrong idea. The polish is an excellent antidote for chigger bites.

Colonel Takes Over KP As Service Club Opens

CAMP McQUADIE, CALIF. (CNS)—Col. Roy S. Gibson voluntarily washed and dried all the dishes—even the pots and pans—when the new Service club opened here.

PITTSBURGH (CNS)—Mrs. Daisy Hilton Estep, a Siamese twin, filed suit for divorce, charging her husband, Harold Estep, with desertion. She testified they never had lived together.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Lt. Rudy Vallee, crooner and bandleader turned Coast Guardsman, and Bettejane Greer, screen glitter girl, were married here recently. He's 42. She's 18.

The amount of tin used to make 5,500 tin cans is required for one torpedo.

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EDITORIAL

NOT SO BADLY OFF

We like furloughs as much as the next soldier. We realize, however, that while our armies are engaged in mortal conflict with the enemy such pleasures as peacetime vacations are naturally curtailed.

Here at home in the States we are fortunate. We get a furlough once in awhile and a moderate percentage is permitted to leave the division at the same time.

We have in the 63d Division now some soldiers who've returned from the Seventh Army. They were a part of the very lucky one-half of one percent that is allowed home on furloughs from the fighting fronts. Think of it—one-half of one percent.

And for you fellows who feel old and for you who are married we pass on the information that one of the men just returned was inducted on his 40th birthday after 13 years of married life. He could have gotten out of the Army because of his age (when the 38-year bill went into effect) but he was in the midst of fighting a war and felt he was needed at the front more than he was at home.

We're doing very nicely on all counts—don't you think?

THE REAL TEST

Stick out your chests, you Doughboys, Redlegs, Diggers, Medics and others who all go to make up the Blood and Fire Division—you've come through the Corps tests with flying colors.

Now! Pull them in just a little—you haven't won the war yet.

Ahead of you lies unit training and the molding of the division as a team. Beyond that is combat where your training as individuals and as a team will receive its supreme test.

That unit training, with days, weeks and then months in the field, is something you'll curse, laugh at—and later look back on with a rosy glow of recollection; also believe it or not, a strange feeling of regret that it's all over.

For those days will have had long hours of work, cold and rain, little sleep—and again periods of inactivity when you could rest up, days when you'd bask in the sun, moonlight nights when you'd have "bull sessions" that you'd cherish. You'd get to know the peace and solitude of days and nights in the open. All that is a part of Army life that you'll look pleasurably back on in the years to come.

But get this at the start—that unit training is vitally important to the functioning of the division as a team. Each man and each unit must play a part in the setup.

The thing to keep in mind right now is that you're not preparing for stories to recount to your grandchildren—you're preparing to fight and conquer the enemy wherever you may meet him on the field of battle.

So remember the lessons learned in basic training and keep applying them as you help form the fighting teams of the 63d.



News from Here and There

Medics Use Flashlight To Perform Operation

BOUGAINVILLE (CNS)—Navy surgeons, operating by flashlight, saved the life of a Marine sergeant after the landing on Cape Torokina here. Using only flashlights, the surgeons worked two hours and succeeded in removing all shrapnel from the wounded man and halting the hemorrhages.

Nazis in Sheep's Clothing Try to Tap Allied Wires

ITALY (CNS)—Three Nazi wolves in sheep's clothing failed to fool a Moroccan sentry who spotted the woolly looking trio listening in on an Allied telephone line in no-man's-land here.

The sentry investigated and found three Germans, poorly disguised in sheepskins, attempting to mingle with a flock of sheep in order to tap the Allied phone.

She Gives Tars the Slip —But Loses to Judge

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Halted for speeding, Josephine Lee, a pretty 21-year-old hat check girl, had good excuse. "I had to drive fast to keep sailors from climbing into my car," she told the judge who fined her \$30 anyway.

Natives Blitz Bogart On Visit to Algiers

ALGIERS (CNS)—Shortly after screen tough guy Humphrey Bogart arrived here to entertain troops an Arab street urchin called him a "blankety-blank gangster," a native woman mowed him down with an imaginary machine gun and the U. S. Army lost all his luggage.

"I better get my mob," said Bogart, "to straighten this out."

Judge Denies Annulment Of GI's 'Inspiration'

CHICAGO (CNS)—A circuit judge refused to annul the marriage of a 17-year-old girl to a 20-year-old soldier after the serviceman, Pvt. James Bruce Godar, who is stationed in New Guinea, cabled the court, pleading that it would "destroy the only thing that keeps me going." The annulment suit was brought by the girl's father.

Gets His Old Gun Back After Moving Overseas

ENGLAND (CNS)—Two years ago at Camp Blanding, Fla., Sgt. Larry Reeves, of San Antonio, Tex., traded his Springfield rifle, model 1903, serial number 192472 for an M1.

Recently they took Sgt. Reeves' M1 away from him and issued him another piece—a Springfield, model 1903, serial number 192472.

Free Haircuts Offered Rookies at Ft. Sheridan

FT. SHERIDAN, Ill.—Free haircuts have been introduced at the reception center here. Lt. Col. Jefferson C. Campbell, commanding officer, announced the opening of a 21-chair barber shop to serve all recruits. The barbers will be rookies assigned to the detail.

It Was a Good Thing There Were Only Two

MIAMI BEACH—Two soldiers whose middle names are Pete and Repeat are AAF officer candidates here. "Mother and Dad had a sense of humor," explain Irwin Pete, Levine and Howard Repeat Levine. They come from Cincinnati.

Too Good at Repairs, GI Gets Italian Trade

ROYAL OAK, Mich.—T/Sgt. Thomas R. McLean, of Royal Oak, wishes he wasn't such a good radioman. While with the 5th Army in Italy, he repaired a radio set for a civilian. The Italian told a neighbor. Before an hour had passed, six more natives appeared with broken-down radios. McLean repaired the sets, solely to promote better American-Italian relations, but told his "customers" not to advertise his good work.

Post Near New Orleans Is Named Camp Plauche

NEW ORLEANS—The name of Camp Plauche (pronounced Plo-shay) has been assigned to the Army installation formerly called Camp Harahan because it was near the town of Harahan. It is a sub-station of the New Orleans-Port of Embarkation.

'Messiah' Arranged by GI For Air Forces Band

BUCKLEY FIELD, Colo., (CNS)—Sgt. Alfred Friedman, of New York, has arranged Handel's "The Messiah" for the 29th symphony band here. Robert L. Landers, director, calls the arrangement the most ambitious ever attempted by Air Force musicians. Until Sgt. Friedman worked out the symphonic band and chorus arrangement the music was written only for orchestra, organ, chorus and solo.

Sergeant Finds Recipe For Drawing Salutes

GUNTER FIELD, Ala. (CNS)—Sgt. James Housh wondered why everyone saluted him as he drove by in a staff car. At his first stop he found out the reason. A tag bearing four stars on a red background had been placed on the car by mistake.

The Sky Pilot Says It

FAMILY PRIDE

By Chaplain E. A. Hessler
(Division Artillery)

The story is told of a young man graduated from college. With all the optimism and enthusiasm so well known to men who had just earned their sheepskin, this particular young man was eager to go out into the world to carve for himself a name and career. His first assignment took him far afield from home. His father and mother helped him with the necessary packing of his things and finally came the dreaded moment of parting.

When all the farewells were spoken the father escorted his son to the railroad station and bid him adieu with this very pertinent remark: "Son, you are going out into the world far from home to earn your spurs. I don't know where God's providence will lead you; I don't know how soon, if ever, we will meet again. But this one thing I would have you remember, wherever you are and whatever you do: do nothing that would bring dishonor or discredit to our family name."

The remark of that father fits well in the career of every man in the service. Every parent has a natural pride in his children and there is no one that follows the progress of a soldier's training and activities more closely than father and mother, wife or sweetheart.

The folks at home have a right to expect that there is no soldier in the United States Army like "My Johnny," and everything that Johnny does to uphold that reputation is a potent factor for high morale on the home front. However, surrounded by the temptations peculiar to army life, it has happened in the career of some men that there was one thing or another of which Johnny is not so proud. And often he passes it off with the shrug of a shoulder: "What's the difference? The folks back home won't find out anyway."

But sometimes the Chaplain hears woeful tales of Johnny's going astray; faced with the prospect of a curtailment of an allotment to loved ones back home or serving a hitch in the stockade for something for which Johnny was directly responsible, he begins to realize that what he does as a soldier really has a direct bearing on the folks back home. A very good rule by which to guide your footsteps while dressed in the khaki of a United States soldier is the advice of that father to his son at the railroad station: "Wherever you are, whatever you do, do nothing to bring dishonor or discredit to our family name."

G. I. Jingles

EXIT CORPS EXAMS

Parody to

"O Captain, My Captain," by Walt Whitman
By Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit
Hq. Co. 3d Bn., 255th Inf.

O CO, my CO, our corp exams are done,
Our squads have weathered every test, the obstacle course is run—

The barrack's near, a sound I hear of those who are delighted,

As viewed upon the bulletin board, a notice—furloughs plighted.

But O the dissatisfaction,

O the calumny,

As seen upon the list—the names

Of those who have to wait.

O CO, my CO, rise up and feel the chill,
Rise up, for you the men fall out upon the bugle's trill—

For you we tumble out of bed—for you in ranks we're lining,

For you we stand as stiff as starch when we'd rather be reclining.

Here CO, dear CO

This arm, it's not been fired—

Is it some dream that in some stream

This barrel was bemired?

My CO does not answer, his lip is pale and still—
He does not deign to say a word—except when out for drill—

But basic training now is o'er—the course is closed and done,

Neath fearsome eyes these worn GI's are confident they've won.

Exult ye Snafus, blow ye bugles

While I sing a mournful tune,

Waiting for a furlough—

Probably in June!

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

263d Engrs.—New chevrons adorn the sleeves of 22 men this week. New technical sergeants are Clifton B. Wingate and Joseph P. Del Signore. Samuel D. Burrell and Morris H. Gordon became staff sergeants. Robert W. Brooks was promoted to sergeant; Robert A. Robinson to T/4 and the following privates to T/5: James E. Burns, Thomas B. Barlow, Leo D. Burrell, Albert P. Cavallaro, George S. Dickey, Kenneth E. Erland, Levi Geisler, Jr., Edward R. Leone, Robert L. Littleton, John E. Lochner, Jack L. Marshall, Melton N. Reeve, Jr., Justin R. Ruggies, Wallace W. Scheer, Fred H. Vatecky and Richard E. Walston. . . . When Cpl. Frank Murphy, Co. C, gets his furlough he will head straight for the Bronx to see what strides his 12-year-old brother Joseph has made in getting ready for the armed forces. Joseph is the only one of seven brothers not in uniform. Sgt. John Murphy is somewhere overseas. S/Sgt. James is at Camp Tepon, Tenn.; Cpl. Thomas is at Camp Bowie, Tex.; Cpl. Jeremiah is at Aberdeen, Md.; Cpl. Frank is at Van Dorn, and Edward, the only non-soldier, is stationed at the Marine Barracks at Parris Island, S. C.

63d Ren. Trp.—New additions to the troop, all from the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Ft. Riley, Kan., are 1st/Sgt. Leon Stahl, Sgt. Estle F. Beard and Cpls. Alfred Hall, Raymond R. Brown and Ralph W. Mills. T/5 Adam Karatkiewicz and Pfc. Edward T. Donnelly have been transferred to the Paratroopers. . . . A world traveler even before he entered the Army is Pvt. Jesse A. Hooten. Born in Silver City, N. M., he attended school in two Arizona towns and worked in Oregon before going to Pearl Harbor. He was working at the naval base at the time of the Japanese sneak attack. Subsequently he was a civilian employe of the U. S. Engineers Dept. and worked in most of the island area of the Southwest Pacific. Travel was chiefly by air, but sometimes by boat. He witnessed some action in the Solomons area. When he reached Melbourne, Australia, he was ordered back to Honolulu. Three weeks later his draft notice reached him there. He was inducted into the Army Sept. 10, 1943, and now is an artificer in the Ren. Trp.

63d QM Co.—Recent promotions include that of Sgt. Sidney S. Ginsberg to staff sergeant.

253d Inf.—Recent promotions in the regiment include the following: T/5 Leo Plompen, Co. F., to sergeant; Pvt. Walter H. Mc Kenney, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., to T/4; Pfc. Angelo Breazzano, Co. L, and Elois T. Ruiz, Co. E, to T/5, and the following Pfc. to corporal: William M. Edwards, Co. A; William Glick, Co. L; Ray Husenstein, Co. A; George P. Hockemann, Co. G; Charles W. Mayfield, Co. E, and Arnold W. Prece, Co. F.

254th Inf.—Pfc. Frank A. Anderson, of Bloemfield, N. J., won the carton of cigarettes offered in Co. F for the nearest guess to the date on which the Russians would cross the Polish border. He hit Jan. 4 right on the nose. . . . Pvt. Nat Silverstein, Service Co., makes a regular Sunday morning hike to Centerville. Having won two steak dinners at the weekly USO quiz contest, he now is banking for a free phone call to his wife and son in New York. . . . Sgt. Edward Davenport, formerly with the Provost Marshal's office, has become Serv. Co. mess sergeant. . . . Recent promotions in Co. A include the following: Cpls. Leo J. Soucy, Dillard L. Dove and Stanley A. Wiltse to sergeant; Pvt. Herman Mitchell to T/5, and the following privates to Pfc.: Clifton T. Foreman, Charles S. Hopkins, Pavis D. Hewell, Paul J. Kitko, Howard Levey, Frederick Ruff and Thomas Smith.

255th Inf.—A/Cpl. Claude Atkins, of Cedarville, Ga., received a holiday greeting from Jaime Marine Montes, director-general of sports in the Ministry of Education of Cuba. Atkins and the Cuban official, both ardent "hams," corresponded by short-wave radio before Atkins' induction. . . . Pvt. Martin G. Pascale, of Jersey City, N. J., received a longhand letter 2 1/2 feet long from Miss Della Dellalasa, of Hackensack, N. J. She asked him to save the letter and take it home when he goes on furlough. . . . Pvt. A. Catapona, Co. I, has joined the ranks of recent fathers. . . . Men of Co. F found a pig in a foxhole while on a field problem. . . . Promoted to Pfc. in Hq. Co., 2d Bn., are Pvts. Henry W. Beisel, Donald G. Detwiler, George R. Rohme, Gordon H. Van Ry and George Helwig. . . . Two cooks left Co. H on furlough this week. Sgt. Arthur Macchi will be married and Sgt. William Glynn will be best man. . . . Pvt. Eugene Grosso and Pfc. Bob Waugh, Co. K, each have five brothers in the service. . . . Regtl. Hq. and Hq. Co. claims to be unique in never having had an AWOL, never having had a fight and never having had even a chocolate bar stolen. . . . Pfc. Edmund A. Donnan, of Columbus, O., armorer artificer for Hq. Co., has been promoted to T/5. . . . Pfc. Wallace Dunsmore, Co. A, became the father of twins Jan. 11, born in Newark, Del. . . . Pfc. Fred Lockhard, Co. M, fired the M1 for a score of 199—highest in the regiment—and Pfc. William Delissio, Co. A, scored 199 with the Springfield. . . . Pfc. James D. Persenaire, Co. A, led the regiment with a score of 94 per cent on the pistol range. . . . Recent promotions in Serv. Co. include those of Pvts. Daniel Mendelsohn and John B. Simpson to Pfc. . . . Serv. Co.'s new first sergeant is Edmund Fitzpatrick. . . . Recently an item appeared in this column about Pvt. Rudolph Armbruster, Co. M, who had three brothers in the German infantry from whom he had not heard in many years. Last week the family received word through the International Red Cross that Armbruster's mother had died and that his brothers had attended the funeral.

718th F. A.—Pfc. Robert Lee and Pvt. Edward Schubert, both Btry. A, are taking a three-month course in mechanics at Ft. Sill, Okla. . . . S/Sgt. Henry Tucker, Btry. A, has returned to the battery after three months in hospital. . . . Sgt. Gerald Cullen is new chief of Btry. A's firing battery. . . . Promotions last week in Btry. C included the following: Pvt. Wilber F. Harrington to corporal; Pvt. Mitchell T. Wooten to T/5, and the following privates to Pfc.: Lawrence W. Carpenter, Christopher C. Davison, Lester N. Frohlich, Howard E. George and Raymond O. Hagen. . . . Btry. A has three new fathers. Pvt. Dale Williamson's son was born Dec. 28; Pvt. Louis A. Colunga's son Jan. 3 and Pfc. Eugene Moore's daughter, Jan. 6. . . . The engagement of Sgt. Russell M. Fink, Btry. A, and Miss Minnie Schultz, of Dayton, O., was announced last week. . . . Serv. Btry. pulled all honors in the battalion and Div. Arty. inspections last week, taking highest place in Div. Arty. for best latrine, supply room, day room and barracks.

863d F. A.—Pfc. Eugene Suter, Hq. Btry., has been promoted to T/5. . . . They're still calling Pvt. John P. McIntyre "Wrong Way" in Btry. A. His wife came down from New York for the holidays, only to

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USO Will Present Seven-Act Program

The USO show "It's a Pleasure," with a host of talent fresh from stage and radio, will play for three nights, January 25, 26, 27 at Theaters No. 1, 3 and 5. Starting time at each theater will be 1930.

Seven acts will be presented featuring such stars as "Red" Pepper, 300 pound master of ceremonies who will put on burlesque of Spanish and Hawaiian dances. Pepper will in the Olsen and Johnson show, "Monkey Business," and with Eddie Cantor and with Abe Lyman's orchestra. He also did some musical shorts for Warner Bros.

Tyler Renoud and Co., a comedy troupe composed of Ed. Tyler, Earl Renoud and Linda Martin will present a comedy act and some surprise entertainment. The Tyler group played at the Golden Gate Exposition and at the Hollywood Playhouse in California. Gene Clayton, prestidigitator, will offer card tricks as his specialty.

Bobbie Carr and Co. singing and dancing group played Chicago vaudeville and night clubs. Lynn Kirk, a blues singer, was with Gus Edwards and Borrah Minevitch on the French Riviera. Betty Lou, an acrobatic dancer, and Ronald McCutcheon, pianist, will round out the show.

Brahms' Concerto Features Musical

Brahms' 2d piano Concerto in B Flat Major, featuring a group of outstanding artists, will headline the weekly series of recorded concerts scheduled for 1930 tomorrow at Chapel No. 6, 13th Ave., and 8th St.

Vladimir Horowitz, one of the foremost contemporary pianists, will be heard in the principal role while the accompanying NBC orchestra will be directed by Arturo Toscanini, world-renowned conductor who is also Horowitz's father-in-law.

The remainder of the program arranged by Pvt. Richard Sutch, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., consists of the Leopold Stokowski arrangements of Bach's "Come Sweet Death" and the "Sarabande," and the Overture to "Orpheus in Hades" by Offenbach.

Servicemen Eligible For \$50,000 Prize

NEW YORK (CNS)—Servicemen are eligible to share in the \$50,000 in prizes the Pabst Brewing company is offering for the best article of not more than 2,000 words submitted on "Post-War Employment." First prize is \$25,000 in war bonds, second prize is \$10,000 in war bonds and 15 additional awards of \$1,000 each will be made.

Envelopes containing manuscripts must be postmarked not later than February 7 and should be sent to the Pabst Brewing company, 551 Fifth avenue, New York, 17, New York.

Draft Greetings Arrive After Japs Capture GI

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., (CNS)—Mrs. Remigio Chavez received a post card from her son, Pvt. Clovis G. Chavez, war prisoner in a Jap camp, and another card from his draft board, ordering him to report for induction, in the same mail.

Ch. Clarke Leaves Division; Was Pvt. in World War I



Chaplain Robert H. Clarke

A grey-haired little man for whom there was a soft spot in the hearts of most men in the Division has left his post as its first Division Chaplain.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Clarke, Division Chaplain since Activation Day, June 15, 1943, was transferred this week to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where he will be chaplain of Ashford General Hospital.

Lt. Col. Patrick Now Head He will be succeeded here by Lt. Col. William E. Patrick, who is expected to arrive soon from a chaplains' replacement pool.

Chaplain Clarke enlisted as a private in World War I, although as a clergyman, he was exempt from military service. At the time he was minister of the West Ave. M. E. Church, LaCrosse, Wis.

He was commissioned a chaplain in October, 1918, and served in that capacity in the United States. After the war he returned to his pastorate. In 1921 he and his family spent a year in Europe, after which he returned to Lake Mills, Wis., for four years.

In 1926 he was called to the pulpit of Union Congregational Church in Peoria, Ill., where he remained until 1942. He had held a reserve commission during the peace years and served as brigade chaplain of the 176th F. A. and regimental chaplain of the 343d Inf. He received his majority in 1938 and became a lieutenant-colonel at the time of the 63d Div.'s activation. He was recalled to active duty in July, 1942, at the Chaplain School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and served as camp chaplain at Camp Wallace, Tex., before joining the 63d.

Ran For Congress

Local politicians in LaCrosse conceived the idea, soon after the first war, that Chaplain Clarke would make good Congressional material and they induced him to become a candidate.

"I didn't win," he said, "but I learned much that helped me in my life as a minister."

Chaplain Clarke has two sons. S/Sgt. Thomas M. Clarke, with the Army Air Forces in Texas, and Walter L., who will report next week for induction into the Army.

Iron Lung Baby Boy Born to Soldier's Wife

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS)—Infantile paralysis and confinement to an iron lung failed to stop Mrs. Marvin Wilson from bearing a 6-pound, 10-ounce baby boy here recently. When the time for the delivery came she was able to leave the artificial respirator for the required period.

Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Cpl. Marvin Wilson, stationed in India. When he learned of his wife's extremely serious condition he applied for a furlough and finally, through the efforts of Red Cross agents and his chaplain, he managed to get time off and air transportation back to the United States.

Physicians had despaired of Mrs. Wilson's life, but soon after the arrival of her husband her condition took a turn for the better. A few days later she was able to leave the iron lung long enough for the delivery and at present she is much improved. The baby is doing fine also.

UTICA, N. Y. (CNS)—An entire family joined the Navy here recently when Jacob Schremph, 37, a tugboat captain, signed on; his wife, Mary 28, joined the WAVES; and his son William, 17, became an apprentice seaman.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Communion Service, 0800.
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900.
Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000.
Chapel No. 7, 1100.
- Evening**
Chapel No. 5, 1815.
Chapel No. 8, 1800.
- Lutheran**
Chapel No. 8, 1100.
- Weekday Services**
Chapel No. 5, Thursday 1830.
Chapel No. 7, Thursday 1930.
- MORMON SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel No. 3, 1400.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**
Sunday
Chapel No. 5, 0800.
Theater No. 5, 0900.
Theater No. 1, 1030.
Chapel No. 10, 1100.
- Evening Mass**
Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1700.
Chapel No. 10, Tuesday, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1930.
Chapels No. 5, 10, Confessions, 1830-2000.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
Station Hospital, 1845.
Chapel No. 8, 2030.
Chapel No. 1, 1930.
Chapel No. 7, 2000.
Festivity of the Sabbath in Co. Day Room.
- Sunday**
Chapel No. 7, 1000.
Chapel No. 5, 1100.
- Christian Science Reading**
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.
- Seventh Day Adventist**
Chapel No. 8, Friday, 1930.

Six Div. Officers To Attend School

Six officers of the Division will leave shortly to attend the 17th General Staff Infantry Division course at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. The course will last nine and one-half weeks.

Among those who will attend the school are Maj. Vail A. Van Natta, assistant AG, and Maj. Robert S. Redfield, assistant AC of S, G-3, of Division staff.

Others are Lt. Col. John M. Underwood, executive officer of the 255th Inf., and Majors George W. Davis, 253d Inf., William P. Keane, 254th Inf., and Charles W. Wilmore of the 863d F. A.

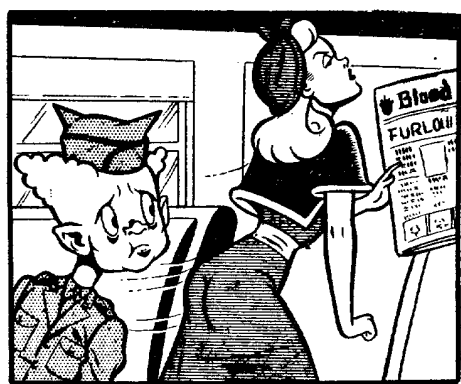
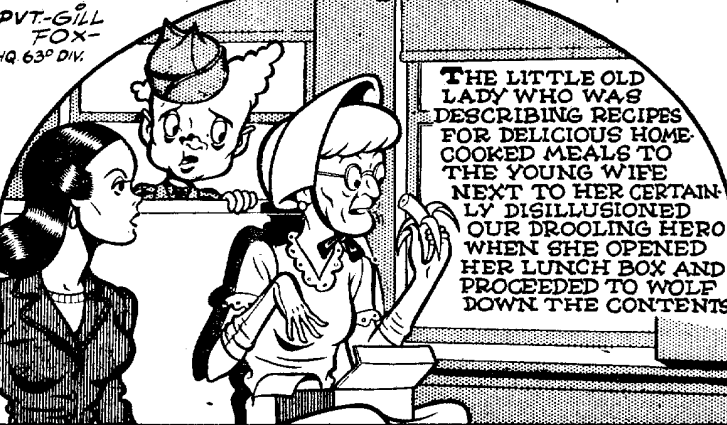
The Royal Air Force rescues airmen from the sea in high-speed launches guided by aircraft radio.

BERNIE BLOOD



THE UNCONTROLLABLE BRAT WHO NEARLY DECAPITATED THE MARINE VETERAN WITH THE JAP SMOKE THE HERO WAS BRINGING HOME HADN'T COUNTED ON GOING THROUGH THAT TUNNEL...

BERNIE'S TRIP HOME



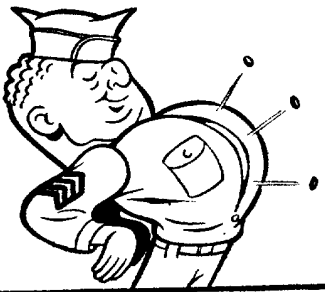
THE PRETTY YOUNG GIRL SITTING NEXT TO BERNIE STARTED READING "BLOOD AND FIRE" TOOK ONE LOOK AT THE COMIC STRIP "BERNIE BLOOD" THEN INDIGNANTLY LOOKED AROUND AT BERNIE, GOT UP AND TOOK ANOTHER SEAT

By GILL FOX

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

There's an old saying some place—maybe in the Bible—to the effect that whatever you sow you'll reap later on. People don't usually think of it as meaning good as well as bad, but it does, and I can prove it. The first good crop was harvested in my outfit during those tests last week, and I'm sure it was the same in the others. I've never seen men "put out" as my men did.

I nearly busted the buttons off



my shirt with pride one day when one of the testing officers said to me: "Sergeant, it never seems to occur to these men not to work like hell, does it?" Another said to me: "Look at those men use cover! I wish mine could do it as well," and the reason you did so well is that you've been brung up right and have damned good spirit.

I want to congratulate you for your fine showing and apologize for the few times I thought that maybe those seeds we were trying to plant had fallen on rocky ground. Our next tests come along during the latter part of March. If we start pointing for them now

we're bound to knock them cold, too.

Think of it! A staff sergeant for squad leader! I reckon the higher ups figure that the man who has the hardest job in the Army is entitled to a boost in rank and pay, and they're dead right. Hell, I can remember when I thought a staff sergeant was one of the apostles. Certainly gives



you folks something to work for, believe me, and I reckon the competition will be keen.

I want to give you a tip along those lines which will help you out, maybe. Don't figure that you'll spend the rest of your life in the job you're now on. I know you don't have much spare time, but if you're in a rifle squad get busy and learn something about those light machine guns and 60-mm. mortars, and that BAR too. Same thing goes in outfits other than rifle companies. The guy who can do a lot of things well is bound to go up, and, besides, you may find yourself in a foxhole some day with one of those weapons and knowing how to use it might come in damned handy.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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find McIntyre off on pass to Baton Rouge. On his way back he made a wrong turn in Woodville and, instead of arriving in camp, wound up in Natchez . . . Btry. A has returned from a bivouac to end all bivouacs. Pvt. Charles E. McFarland set his watch an hour ahead, which was all right until it came time to awaken the second relief. Sgt. Paul Masotti awakened the cooks shortly after midnight, thinking it was morning. Pvt. Chalmers K. Schott was sent to the motor park to wash a trailer. He washed a 2½-ton truck by mistake, and was sent back to do the trailer later.

Prov. Tng. Det.—Lt. Hamlet Carter, commanding Co. B, who graduated from the U. S. Military Academy last June, told pass-hungry soldiers that West Point pebes wait a year for their first pass . . . Maj. Frank B. Farr, commanding the detachment, plays a fast game at shortstop, but the officers lost a softball game with the "Ruptured Rangers" of Co. B last week, 4-1. Pvt. J. B. Puckett left KP long enough to pitch for the victors . . . Sgt. Dominick Salerno (a historic name in the Mediterranean theater), saw action in North Africa and now is a member of Co. B . . . Pvt. Joseph Fleming, Co. B, varied the routine last week while on guard duty. He shouted "Halt!" at a plodding mule . . . New CO of Co. A is Capt. G. M. Connor, formerly of the 863d F. A. . . S/Sgt. William H. Rogers painted the "Fighting for Freedom" display outside Co. A's orderly room. His brush also is responsible for the orientation murals on the walls of the day room. . . Pvt. Henry Bruce Abbott, Co. A, is offering \$5 to the finder of his silver identification bracelet, which bears his name and serial number. . . When Lt. Sam Lewis speaks of "Betty" and "Sally," he is not discussing women, but Japanese planes. Doughboys in the Southwest Pacific found Nip names too tongue-twisting . . . Capt. B. J. Savoia, Hq. Co., expressed appreciation to men of the PTD who served as jeep dispatchers, typists and table waiters for the IX Corps testing staff . . . Pvts. Milton Heir and Edward Graney celebrated their twenty-ninth birthdays last week—both on KP . . . Pvt. Algart Jacobson hit the daily double at the Fair Grounds, New Orleans, last week for \$280.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—The constant appearance of Pvt. Ernest Hayhow, G-3 Sec., with a pipe in his mouth prompted a fellow worker in G-3, Pvt. Paul C. Smith, to address Hayhow's mail in the manner in which Hollywood stars often get theirs. From Baton Rouge he sent a post card to the section addressed merely "Pvt.—," followed by a sketch of a smoking brier. It reached Hayhow promptly . . . David F. Wiese, Hq. Co.'s new mes sergeant, has been promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant. Other recent promotions include those of Pvt. Richard F. Lowry, assistant Hq. Co. clerk, and Pvts. Anthony DiBaggio and Henry A. Gardner, both of the Inspector General's Department, both to Pfc.

Lost Dog Found, Twins Ask Help In Locating Bike

BLOOD AND FIRE does not run a Lost & Found column, but the success of a recent item in restoring a lost dog to its owner in Natchez has prompted an appeal from two 12-year-old brothers who have been robbed of a bicycle on which they sold newspapers at Camp Van Dorn.

"Do you think you could help us in any way like you helped the lady find her dog?" asked Morris and Marion Porckrus. The boys live in Apt. 194 at the Van Dorn Heights housing project. Their mailing address is Box 1174, Centreville.

"We are twins 12 years old and sell papers every evening at Camp Van Dorn," the brothers wrote. "We saved up our money and went to Baton Rouge on Monday before Christmas and bought us a Victory bike apiece.

"On Monday, January 3, we rode our bikes to school and parked them in the usual place for bikes and somebody stole one of them before noon. They were the only bikes in Centreville of this kind. They were named Mercury, have small tires, are black with a little red trim. The serial number is M. G. 1942."

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NOS. 1 AND 2
Starting Times—No. 1, 1945;
No. 2, 1810

Jan. 15—"The Lodger," with Merle Oberon, Laird Cregar and George Sanders.

Jan. 16-17—"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," with Maria Montez, Jon Hall and Andy Devine.

Jan. 18—"Career Girl," with Frances Langford and Edward Norris; "Rookies in Burma," with Alan Carney and Wally Brown.

Jan. 19-20—"The Song of Russia," with Robert Taylor, Susan Peters and Robert Benchley.

Jan. 21-22—"The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," with Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken, Brian Donlevy and Akim Tamiroff.

THEATER No. 5
Starting Time—1845

Jan. 15—"The Woman of the Town," with Claire Trevor, Albert Dekker, Barry Sullivan.

Jan. 16—"The Lodger," with Merle Oberon, Laird Cregar and George Sanders.

Jan. 17-18—"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," with Maria Montez, Jon Hall and Andy Devine.

Jan. 19—"The Song of Russia," with Robert Taylor, Susan Peters and Robert Benchley.

Twins Parted Forever; One Dead, Other PW

NEW YORK (CNS)—On the same day that Harold Schwerdt enlisted in the Army Air Forces last April his twin brother Arthur joined the Navy. It was the first time they ever had been apart and the last time they ever would be together.

T/Sgt. Harold Schwerdt today is a prisoner of war in Germany. Twin brother Arthur, a quartermaster first class, was killed in action in the South Pacific.

Gen. Marshall Splashed As He Invades Kitchen

HONOLULU (CNS)—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, won't burst into Sgt. Edward Carlo's kitchen again.

Paying a visit to Oahu island, Gen. Marshall stepped into Sgt. Carlo's mess. Startled at seeing a four-star general, Carlo and two privates tried to salute with a pan of hot water in their hands. The general was generously splashed.

'Solid Senders,' 63d Band Rebuilt Under New Leader

Outside the barracks of the 63d Div. Band at 14th and 5th avenues is a colorful sign indicating that the Blood and Fire musicians are not only combat soldiers but, as the sign says, "Solid Senders."

Under its new leader, CWO David A. Wright, of Knoxville, Tenn.,



CWO DAVID A. WRIGHT

the band has been reorganized and now is a musical organization so versatile that it can be broken down into two complete concert and marching bands and four dance orchestras.

Commended by Gen. Hibbs
Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, personally commended the band for its performance as a unit at the first dismounted review December 29.

Sgt. Pulled Gag, Danbury Sore

DANBURY, CONN., (CNS)—A fun-loving sergeant whipped this town into a lather the other day when he dropped into the local USO, told hostesses there that 100 paratroopers were on their way through Danbury and suggested that supper, a dance and overnight lodging for the men would not be amiss.

The USO hostesses, members of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. James Episcopal church, the good ladies of the Wednesday Afternoon Women's league and almost everyone else in Danbury set to work at once. They obtained a big parking lot for the convoy vehicles, arranged for 100 cots in the state armory, hustled to the ration board for supper stamps and spread a big feed in the church hall.

Meanwhile, the sergeant ate cake, drank lemonade and dozed at the USO lounge. At about 5:30, he announced he had to join the convoy. He left in a jeep, and never returned. Danbury and the FBI—are still looking for him.

Math, French Review Lessons at Club No. 2

A series of review lessons in mathematics, with special emphasis on algebra and trigonometry, and in conversational French is planned at Service Club No. 2 by Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarian. The lessons are intended especially for those preparing for Army tests. Instructors have been obtained and registrations now are open.

Under Mr. Wright's leadership the band has been reorganized in two platoons, each a complete concert and parade band. On special occasions, such as Division review, the two are merged.

Mr. Wright came to the Blood and Fire Div. from the recently reactivated Rainbow (42d) Div. at Camp Gruber, Okla. He entered the service as leader of the 191st F. A. Band when the National Guard was Federalized.

After a year at Camp Forrest, Tenn., this band was sent to Camp Roberts, Calif., where it established an enviable record of public appearances. The band played at many points on the West Coast and received a cordial reception every time it appeared at the Hollywood Canteen. After 18 months in California, the band was sent to Camp Gruber and joined with the 196th F. A. Band to form the Rainbow Div. Band.

In addition to his music, Mr. Wright is an ardent camera and amateur radio enthusiast.

Four Dance Bands

Four separate dance bands, made up from the membership of the Division Band, now are playing in and around camp. "The Continentals" strive to present every type of dance music from rumba to boogie-woogie. "The Hep-Cats" are "strictly groovy." On the sophisticated side are "The Music-Makers," featuring strings which blend with their smooth style. Pvt. Don Pablo, who won wide renown in civilian life with a recording orchestra, has just organized another band, as yet unnamed, and is endeavoring to develop the same sweet style which featured his band in civilian life.

Mr. Wright, a saxophonist, occasionally plays with Pablo's new band.

Numerous recent additions to the Division Band personnel have been made through the assignment of talented musicians from other units of the 63d. There still is a need for additional trumpeters, Mr. Wright said, and he asked that anyone in the Division interested in an audition contact him. These aspirants should be capable of playing both concert and dance music.

German-Born Sea Hero Fined Penny for Fraud

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Seaman Paul Frederick Tim, a 51-year-old German-born hero of the American Merchant Marine, pleaded guilty here to charges of claiming false American citizenship—and was fined one cent.

Tim, who has been in the Merchant Marine 20 years and was personally decorated by Adm. Emory S. Land for heroism when his ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic, admitted he had told authorities he was born in Wisconsin. "I wanted to get a passport so I could go to sea again," he explained.

Movies Pay Million For Army Air Show

NEW YORK (CNS)—"Winged Victory," the Army Air Forces show, has been sold to 20th Century-Fox for \$1,000,000—highest price ever paid for screen rights to a Broadway show. Moss Hart, author and director of the show, will leave soon for Hollywood where he will supervise production of the movie.

Male Call



Briefs For Mission



ALL SOLDIER SHOW
'GUARDHOUSE GAYETIES'
OR "LIFE IN A DIS-ORDERLY ROOM"
featuring a Chorus of BUCK SERGEANTS
singing "ROCKER-BYED-ME-BABY". Plus POST THEATER MONTAGES
Pfc. J. SNAFROID MCGOOLTY, Impersonator

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(Continued From Page 2.) TOLEDO, O.—Gov. John W. Bricker ordered all gambling places in Lucas county "closed and kept closed" as a result of the suicide of George D. Wilcox, Detroit advertising executive, who left notes saying he had lost \$30,000 to Toledo gamblers. Wilcox was married and the father of a son, 19, and a daughter, 12.

DEARBORN, MICH.—A new glider capable of carrying 30 troops and with clearance to transport two jeeps, has passed tests at Ford Airport. It is a high-wing monoplane with plywood wings of stressed skin design.

MADISON, WIS.—Forty-seven University of Wisconsin students were fined from 50 cents to \$1—the higher penalty for second offenders—for walking on the grass on Bascom Hill. The hill is leased to university campus buildings.

ITALY, TEX.—Now 67 years old, this town of 1,200 never has had a traffic death, never a suicide, never a homicide, and no man from it has been reported killed in any branch of the fighting services.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Two Columbia officers trailing a man suspected of stealing a suit of clothes came to the end of the search in the Fort Jackson induction center. The suspect, quietly standing in line with other draftees, was wearing the stolen clothing. He said he had been ashamed to appear for induction in his old suit. The owner declined to press the charges.

ERIE, Kan.—R. B. Smith turned in a used tire when it was requested that surplus tires be turned over to the government. The other day he obtained a purchase certificate for a tire. At a dealer's he looked at the serial number of one he liked. It was the same one he had turned in. He paid \$3.50 for it, the amount he received from the Government, but it had been repaired.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A man known only as "Big Hearted Joe" walked into a South Side saloon and, without comment, fired two shots into a mirror that hangs over the bar. Then he walked out.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Four hunters shot a wolf and took the carcass to the town clerk to claim the bounty. The clerk cut off two of the wolf's ears and punched some holes in his hide. Then the county auditor poked some more holes in the wolf and paid the four hunters a \$15 bounty. To complete the transaction they sold the badly battered skin for \$7.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Westchester county reported its first death due to the so-called hard liquor shortage recently when Medical Examiner Amos O. Squire attributed the death of a White Plains man to "alcoholic solvent" purchased in a paint store. The Medical Examiner said he had been advised the victim had "found it increasingly difficult to buy liquor."



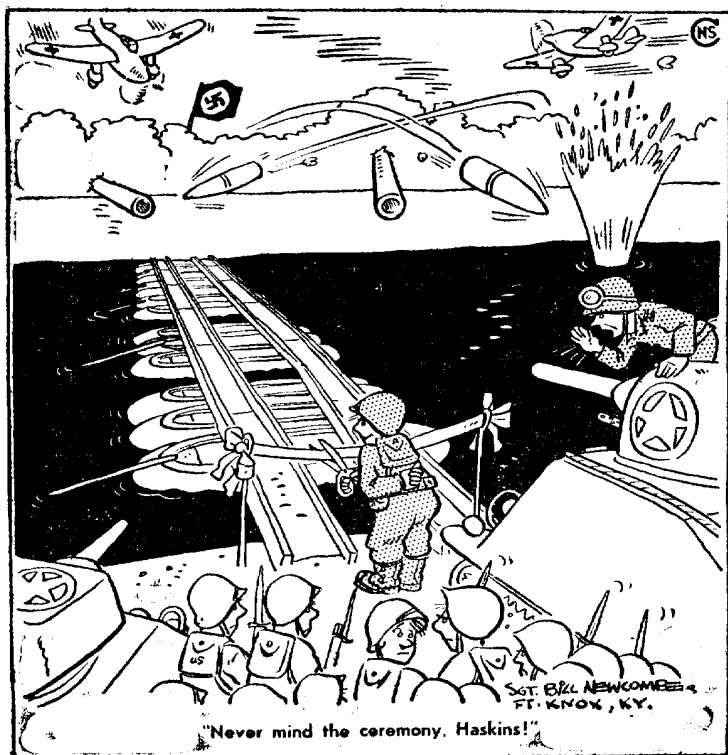
EX-BASEBALLERS IN ARMED SERVICE HOLD 'HOT STOVE' SESSION—Four former major league ball players now in the Army, hold a "hot stove league" session at Daniel Field, Ga., where they are now serving, and talk over baseball prospects for 1944. They are (left to right): Pvt. Pete Center, ex-Cleveland pitcher; Lt. Herschel Lyons, ex-St. Louis Cardinal pitcher; Pvt. Chubby Dean, ex-Cleveland pitcher of Mt. Airy, N. C., who went up direct from Duke university, and Sgt. Burgess Whitehead, ex-New York Giant second baseman.



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Lt. Col. John E. Brooks, Jr., who received his promotion this week. Col. Brooks is Asst. Chief of Staff, G-1.

Pacific Convoy Scared By Mopstick Periscope

OMAHA—Francis Hahn, Seabee petty officer first class, home here on furlough, recounted what he considers one of the most nerve-shattering of his war experiences. "It was on our way to Guadalcanal," he said. "We became separated from the convoy during the night. When dawn came, we sighted what we thought was a periscope. Suddenly it could be seen clearly, down in the water—a mopstick. The end was down in the water, holding the stick up straight."



Basketball Standings

Table with columns for League (Green, CT Red, Western, Yankee, CT White, C.T. Blue), Team, Wins, Losses, and Percentage.



DIVISION Adjutant General Ralph Lavorgna, is now Lt. Col. Lavorgna who received his promotion from that of Maj. recently.

FT. LEAVENWORTH, KAN. (CNS)—A draftee gave this reason for seeking a deferment: "Convalescens from a traumatic periphovitis of the flexor digitorum sublimis in profundus muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint." The Army said no, a sore finger wasn't a good enough excuse.

Not Army Subject But Vice-Versa; Said of Pin-Ups

Admonition Contained in Guide Sent Out by War Department

WASHINGTON—The Army advises its editors against depicting "the female form in Army newspapers." "Within the continental limits of the United States," says a War department guide, "this general subject is already so handsomely exploited by civilian periodicals that for the military to enter the competition would be like carrying coal to Newcastle." "This (the female form in Army newspapers) is not a military subject although it is frequently a subject of the military," the guide says in the booklet which is otherwise devoted to a heavy discussion of morale, orientation and international relations. But, obviously determined not to let the subject get too heavy, the writers of the booklet add: "However, one cannot refrain from quoting briefly from a lengthy editorial salute by an Army newspaper at an isolated post in Alaska to a New York (burlesque) artist who has posed for special pictures for their small publication. "You are the bear-grease on our lupin-root cakes. You are the seal blubber in our bowl of salmon berries. You are the liver of the caribou, the egg of the sturgeon, the young gizzard of the spring ptarmigan, etc., etc." is a touching acknowledgment of the fact that in the life of this isolated garrison, the likeness of the obliging young woman was more warming to the Quonset hut than any mere fire.

Dances, Meetings At Nearby Towns

Dances for servicemen of Camp Van Dorn are sponsored every Saturday night by the Military Maids of Centreville, Gloster, Liberty and Woodville. In addition Army Wives Clubs meet at Centreville, Gloster and Woodville during the week. The dance at Centreville is held at the USO Clubhouse just off the main thoroughfare, while that at Gloster is staged at the Servicemen's Center. The Community Club is the scene of the dance at Liberty and the American Legion Hut at Woodville is used for dancing. Army Wives Clubs meet at Centreville at the USO on Wednesday at 1400, at the Servicemen's Center, Gloster at 1230, and at the American Legion Hut, Woodville, Thursday at 1230.

Boxer Who Drilled WACs Says They Do 'Swell Job'

"From boxing gloves to kid gloves" was the interesting transition achieved by S/Sgt. Woodrow W. Curtis, of Co. B, PTD, who, after appearing in almost 100 fight rings, was assigned to be drillmaster to the 1st WAC Det. Ft. Des Moines, Ia. Curtis in his ring travels came up against figures of such stature as Fritz Zivic, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who later became world welterweight champion. He did pretty well against the Smoky City beak-buster. "WACs Tough to Handle But when the sergeant "took on" the WACs at Des Moines, and subsequently at Ft. Devens, Mass., Daytona Beach, Fla., Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., prior to being assigned to the 63d Div., there were times when he thought the job was more than he would be able to handle. "I hadn't figured out a way to keep the WACs at attention," he grinned to his gang of listeners around the barracks stove. "They always were fussing with their hair and smoothing their uniforms. I tried bawling them out but when you have to guard your tongue—well, it was like trying for a knockout while pulling your punches. Better Than Men "When they finally got the idea, however, they proved themselves better at drilling than the men.

And you can quote me on this, too—I think the women have more interest and enthusiasm and show it in their drilling" Curtis gets quite a kick out of the fact such things as bed-making, carving beef and many other items previously considered as belonging exclusively in the women's domain were taught to the female recruits. "But, they're doing a swell job," he says of the WACs, "and anyone who wants to dispute that point knows where to find me." The sergeant's list of boxing achievements is a long and impressive one. He won the Tri-State (Kan., Okla., Mo.), welterweight championship and the Southwestern States crown before enlisting in the Army in 1936. He spent four years at Ft. Riley, Kan., where he engaged in 30 fights, winning, among other laurels, the post welterweight title. He received a discharge from the service on the infamous Dec. 7, 1941—and re-enlisted the following day. Subsequently he spent two years at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., before receiving his assignment with the WAC. Once, at a WAC dance, a misguided sailor asked Curtis if he was a "he-WAC or a she-WAC." When the sailor was revived, the former boxer answered laconically, "I'm a he."