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DIV. LAUNCHES ALL-OUT WAR BOND DRIVE

Veterans Give Battle Accounts To 253d Men

First-hand accounts of battle-field application of training lessons were given 1,000 men of the 253d Inf. Thursday in a mass gathering in Theater No. 1.

The Blood and Fire soldiers heard informal accounts of combat by a dozen men, recently assigned to their regiment, who have seen in foxhole and jungle the real reason for months of field training in this country.

A rising ovation was given Sgt. Leo Plompen, Co. F, a native of Belgium and veteran of Dunkirk. After the capitulation of his native land, Sgt. Plompen joined the Free Belgian Navy. When his ship was torpedoed off Ireland, he spent three days in the cold water before he was rescued.

Five Channel Trips

During the great evacuation of Dunkirk Plompen made five trips across the English Channel in a fishing boat, taking off British soldiers. With a 50-cal. machine gun mounted in the boat, the crew knocked down a Messerschmitt into waters which the sergeant said "ran red with blood."

After Dunkirk Plompen worked on a ship evacuating civilians from England to this country and here he joined the United States Army. His wife and two children were left behind in Belgium and he believes his mother was killed in a recent air raid.

"I'm going over and get my wife and children," Sgt. Plompen told the audience. "I want to go over there with you. I have a job to do."

The value of the warnings given all African campaigners on water discipline, digging in and concealing all shiny articles was emphasized by Pfc. William O'Connor, 1st Bn., Hq. Co.

Has 13 Wounds

O'Connor won the Purple Heart in the invasion of Africa when he was wounded by a shell burst from a German 88. Thirteen pieces of metal struck near his heart, lungs and spine.

O'Connor marched 1,100 miles in the African campaign. He also became an ardent admirer of American ordnance.

"Our light machine gun is a hell (Continued on Page 7)



TOMMY AND PIAT are two things that infantrymen will get to know a lot of overseas. Tommy is the congenial British doughboy, and Piat is one of the new British weapons we're using against the Nazis in Italy. It's a 33-pound projector infantry antitank, which fires a 2 3/4-pound bomb projectile packing the wallop of a 75-mm. field piece. It will penetrate four inches of the finest armor plate, and can be handled by one man.

Life Begins at 40 for 'Hard Luck John'; Forgotten Man 'Found' by Home Town

Life has begun at 40 for "Hard Luck John" Bakun, the 63d Inf. Div. private who has attracted wide attention as the forgotten man.

Bakun, who gave up life as a seaman 29 years ago because he did not like wandering from home, started anew this week as an infantryman, following his transfer from the 863d P. A. to the 255th Inf.

Story 'Awakens' Town

An article in BLOOD AND FIRE, recounting the "near misses" suffered by Bakun in the 14 months since he received his induction notice, awoke his home town, Maynard, Mass.

The Maynard Enterprise reprinted the article. A two-year-old Christmas present caught up with Bakun. Numerous friends have written the soldier. And, to make the record clear, Bakun's draft board now has him on the "active" list.

The soldier's record of near

misses began Dec. 3, 1942, when he received an induction notice just three days before President Roosevelt's order halted inductions of men over 38. Bakun was 38

years and nine months old then. By April 1, after 15 weeks in the Army, he was marching in a victory parade at Casablanca, though he never had seen any fighting.

Disliked Prisoners

He was given a job delousing prisoners behind the lines and, developing a great disgust with Africa as well as Axis prisoners, he was told he was to be sent home. Then began a saga of wandering over the seas, arriving in wrong ports, lost records, almost being reshipped to Africa and finally a landing on American soil without a destination.

Reading the article about their native son, residents of Maynard took quick action. The town has a fund for Christmas presents for soldiers. For the last two Christ-

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CORPS COMMANDER—Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commanding general of the XXI Corps, arrived here today on a routine inspection tour.

Orientation Champs

The first Division-wide orientation award goes to the Provisional Training Detachment, it was disclosed today by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander.

Gen. Harris, who selected the winner after a complete review of all orientation displays in the division, was generous in his praise of efforts made by members of the PTD to put across orientation to its personnel.

Selection of the winner came too late for BLOOD AND FIRE to carry a complete story in this issue. Next week we will pay full tribute with story and pictures to Maj. Frank B. Farr's champions and their display.

Urge Increase In Allotments For 4th Loan

Seek Extra Bond Per Man In February Campaign Throughout 63d

With its goal an extra War Bond per man and increased pay allotments for bonds, the Blood and Fire (63d) Div. this week joined the rest of the Army in a campaign to swell the total of the Fourth War Loan Drive.

A War Bond organization has been set up under the direction of Maj. Robert K. Lieding, Div. Special Service Officer, to provide the means for every officer and man of the Division to join his family and civilian friends in paying for

the weapons with which he fights.

War Bond officers for each infantry regiment, artillery battalion and Special Troops unit have been named, and company and battery bond officers also will be appointed for the campaign, which will continue throughout February.

Savings Urged

"Secretary of War Stinson has expressed the desire that each officer and enlisted man in the Army buy an additional War Bond during the drive and also increase the amount of his pay reservation for bonds," Maj. Lieding said. "We are not trying to wave the flag, but simply urge on officers and men of the Division, if they can afford it, the value of increasing their savings investment for the period after their military service."

Deliveries of War Bonds have been speeded so that a man will receive his bond not more than a week after he orders it, and in most cases within four days, Maj. Lieding said.

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Ace Arranger of Swing Conducts CT Blue Band



PFC. DANIEL MENDELSON

Mendelsohn, the composer and conductor, is in the Army; not the German musical giant of classical fame, who spelled his name with two s's, but Pfc. Daniel Mendelsohn, Ser. Co., 255th Inf., former arranger for Harry James, Dolly Dawn, Al Goodman, Lips Page, Billie Holiday, Teddy Wilson and many another top-flight bandleader and singer of today.

To the hecats of 1944, Pfc. Mendelsohn's arrangements probably are more solidly in the groove than the stately measures of the great Felix.

Majored in Arranging Music

The first world war was a month old when Mendelsohn made his debut at East Orange, N. J., Sept. 30, 1914. Following the usual public school and private music lessons phase of his life, he entered Rutgers University, but later transferred to New York University, from where he graduated with a BA degree in 1935. Mendelsohn's major was classical arranging, and

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Army Life a Parallel To Two 63d Sergeants

A strange example of parallel careers in the Army is that of S/Sgt. James A. Blakely, Btry. B, 718th F.A., and Sgt. Charles W. Moon, Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

Blakely lived on Myrtle street in Atlanta, Ga., and Moon lived right around the corner on Fifth street, but they did not know each other until they met at a party for 89 men given by their draft board.

When the party was over, they were kept back for X-rays; further examination indicated each had the same minor ailment.

Nevertheless, they were sworn in together on October 14, 1942. After their post-induction furloughs they reported at Ft. McPherson, Ga., October 28, on Moon's twenty-second birthday. They were shipped out the next day, which was Blakely's twenty-second birthday. Blakely's dog tags bear a serial only one number higher than Moon's.

Blakely landed in Btry. B, 369th F. A., and Moon in Btry. C. Blakely pulled his first guard duty on Thursday and was General's Orderly; Moon pulled his first guard the next day and also was General's Orderly.

On Dec. 7, 1942, both were made corporals.

Moon went to the hospital with a septic throat condition Dec. 22. Three days later Blakely followed him for an appendicitis operation. Both corporals got their first furloughs in the first group to leave their camp in February, 1943.

Both were promoted to sergeant last April 15, but Blakely received a staff rating and Moon a buck. Practically everything since has been parallel in their military lives and they still wonder what happened at promotion time.

718th F. A. Unit Orientation Display Receives Award From Gen. Harris

Honored for its outstanding orientation display among units of Div. Arty., Serv. Btry., 718th F. A., this week received an orientation award from Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander, who is in charge of the Blood and Fire Division's orientation program.

Gen. Harris made the presentation at a parade held for the dual purpose of the award and honoring the memory of S/Sgt. Frank Johnston, of the 718th, who died this week.

The award was made as a result of an inspection by a Div. Arty. team. Serv. Btry. placed first in the inspection, with Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., placing second; Serv. Btry., 861st F. A., third, and honorable mention going to Hq. Btry., 863d F. A.

Capt. Patrick A. Fusco, commanding Serv. Btry., 718th F. A., and Pfc. Richard Seimer, orientation assistant, received the award from Gen. Harris. Lt. Roy R. Clark is orientation officer of the battery, and T/5 Theodore L. Kazanoff is another orientation assistant. Seimer received the award for Kazanoff, who was on furlough.

Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., which placed second in the competition, is commanded by Capt. John H. Mercer. Lt. Clarence G. Smith is orientation officer and is assisted by Pfc. Theodore Geiger.

Capt. John B. Tepe commands Serv. Btry., 861st F. A., which placed third. Lt. Winiford F. Emerson, Jr., is orientation officer and Pvt. Leon H. Becker is enlisted assistant.

Hq. Btry., 863d F. A., which won honorable mention, is commanded by Lt. Edward A. Good, who also is the battery orientation officer. He is assisted by Sgt. Samuel Bryen.

Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, commanding the 718th, spoke at the award ceremonies.

CT Blue Dance Draws Big Crowd to Rec. Hall

The men of the special units of CT Blue turned out in large numbers for a dance at their Rec. Hall last Friday night. Special guests of the night were 120 girls from Baton Rouge brought to the Camp through the co-operation of the USO.

Pfc. Daniel Mendelsohn, Serv. Co., and the 14-piece CT Blue band furnished music for the dancing. Refreshments were served and during the intermission games were played under the direction of T/5 Mordecai Bauman, assistant to Lt. Mike Naddo, 255th Inf. recreation officer.

Gloster USO to Hold Dance Next Saturday

The Military Maids of Gloster and the USO will be hosts to soldiers of Camp Van Dorn next Saturday, Feb. 12, at a Valentine Dance to be held at the USO clubhouse.

It's a Language

S/Sgt. Loran Phillips, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 255th Inf., is probably the only fellow in the 63d Division who can speak Papiamentu. That's a language, not a vegetable, and few people who haven't visited the islands of Curacao and Aruba, Dutch West Indies, ever heard of it.

Sgt. Phillips has recently come back to the United States after almost three years service in the islands, guarding important West Indian oil refineries. Papiamentu, he says, is a complex mixture of Spanish and Dutch, but the fact that a person can speak either of these parent languages is no indication that he could speak the island dialect.

With the first American troops to be assigned to this territory, Sgt. Phillips said the men looked forward to the occasional trips provided by the USO to the nearby Barbadoes Islands, where white girls were numerous.

47 Religions Found Among Men of 63d

Chaplains of the 63d Inf. Div. have their hands full ministering to the religious preferences of the Division's officers and men.

A report from the Division Chaplain's office lists no less than 47 different church affiliations among officers and men. This is exclusive of those for whom no preference has been expressed.

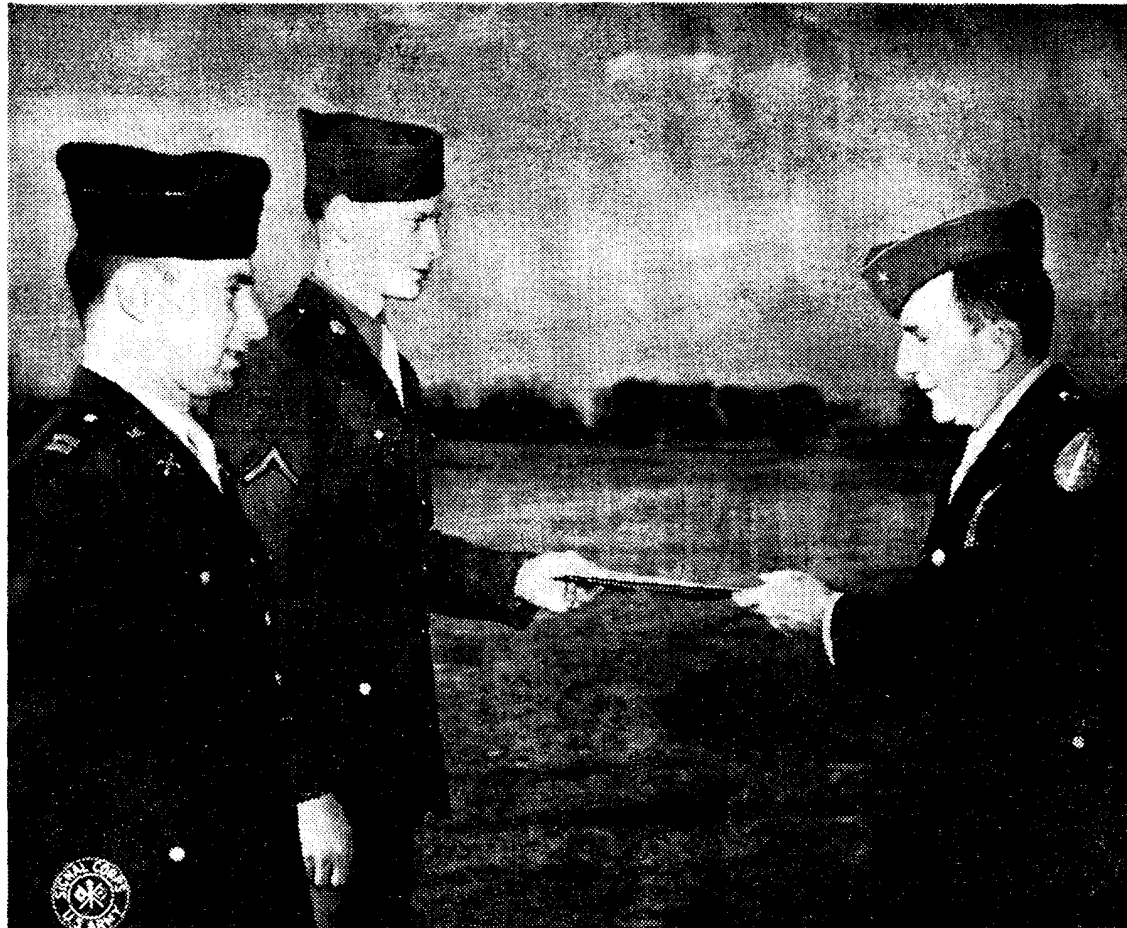
Most of the men are grouped under the three large classifications of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Those who expressed other specific preferences fell into the following classifications:

American Reform Protestant, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Buddhist, Church of Christ, Church of God, Christian Science, Christian Reformed, Community Church, Church of the Brethren, Congregationalist, Confucian, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Evangelical, Evangelical Reformed.

Friends, Four Square Gospel, Greek Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Holiness, Latter Day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, Mennonite, Mission Covenant, Moravian, Methodist, Moslem, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Pilgrim Holiness.

Reformed Church, Dutch Reformed, Russian Orthodox, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist, Theosophical, Unitarian, United Presbyterian, Universalist, United Brethren.

Since the war the shift of population in the United States has been toward the west and south, with a total shift of about 2 1/2 million persons.



FOR EXCELLENCE in orientation of the men of Service Battery, 718th F. A. Bn. is this certificate being presented by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander and head of the division's orientation program, to Capt. Patrick A. Fusco, CO of Serv. Btry., and Pfc. Richard Seimer, his orientation assistant.

263d Engr. Officer Promoted to Major

The promotion of Capt. Allen W. Sanders, Jr., to major was announced this week by Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding officer of the 2263d Engr. Bn.

Maj. Sanders, who is S-3 of the engineer unit, has been with the division since its activation. He was an engineer company commander until Aug. 15 when he took charge of the battalion's plans and training section.

A graduate of Clemson College where he was a member of the ROTC unit, the major has prior service with the infantry, having served at Camp Croft, S. C., from February, 1941, to November, 1942. In October, 1942, having been an officer for six months, he was commissioned in the Regular Army.

Following his service at Croft, Maj. Sanders went to Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he was connected with the ERTC. He completed the 18th Field officers' course during July and August of 1943.

The major is an expert rifleman and is interested in athletics. He is 25 years old, married, and lives in Woodville. His home town is Savannah, Ga.

Theater Schedules

THEATERS NOS. 1 AND 2 Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810

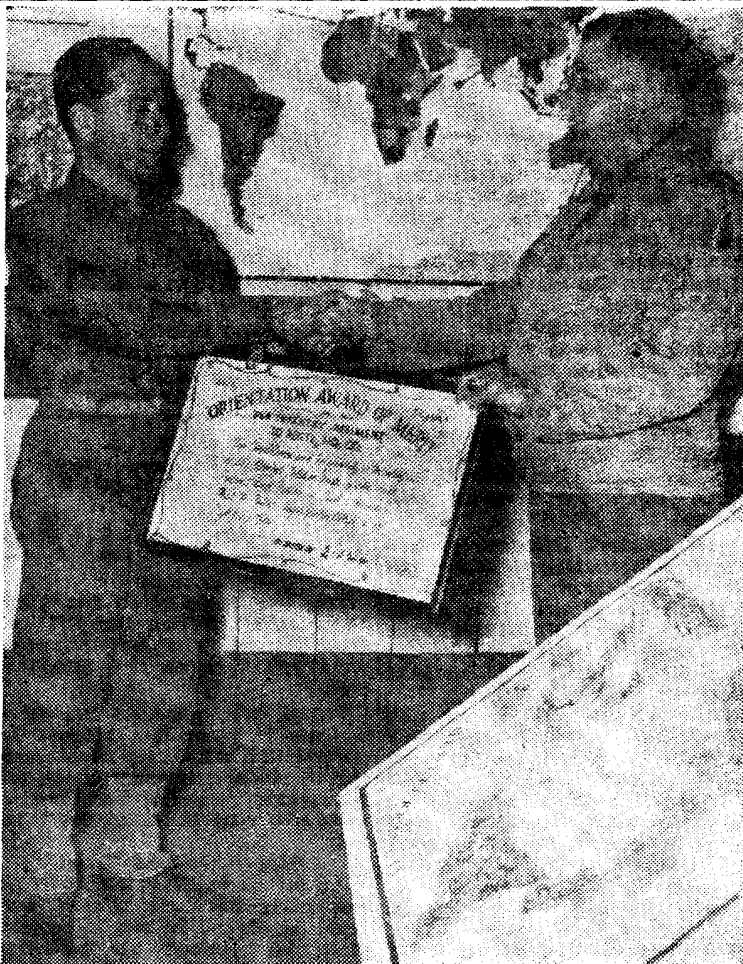
- Feb. 5—"Stage Door Canteen," with an all-star cast.
- 6-7—"Standing Room Only," with Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard and Roland Young.
- 8—"Swingtime Johnny," with Andrews Sisters, Harriet Hilliard, "Nabonga," with Buster Crabbe, Fifi Dorsay and Barton MacLane.
- 9-10—"Jane Eyre," with Orson Welles, Joan Fontaine.
- 11—"Phantom Lady," with Franchot Tone, Ella Raines.

THEATER NO. 5 Starting Time—1845

- Feb. 6—"The Racket Man," with Tom Neal, Jeanne Bates.
- 7—"Stage Door Canteen," with an all-star cast.
- 8-9—"Standing Room Only," with Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard, Roland Young.
- 10—"Swingtime Johnny," with Andrews Sisters, Harriet Hilliard, "Nabonga," with Buster Crabbe, Fifi Dorsay, Barton MacLane.
- 11-12—"Jane Eyre," with Orson Welles, Joan Fontaine.

WACs May Have Part In European Revival

LONDON (CNS)—There is an excellent chance, says Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, that WACs will be sent to the European continent after Allied forces have established their lines. The WACs may take part in the rehabilitation of Europe, she added.



REGIMENTAL ORIENTATION AWARD is presented to Pfc. Gino Bardi of Regimental Headquarters Co. by Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding, 254th Inf.

Hq. Co., 254th Wins Award For Best Orientation Work

Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding 254th Inf., presented an award to Regimental Headquarters Co., Tuesday for outstanding orientation work. This was the first of a series of monthly awards which will go to deserving units in the regiment.

The award, an artistic scroll, encased in a glass frame, read: "For excellence and ingenuity in presenting to the combat soldier facts of the past, present and future in such manner that he better appreciates what he is fighting for."

Col. Warren said that other fine orientation displays which he noticed in his tour of the regiment were companies: C, D, E, F, G, I, and M, and Anti-Tank, Cannon, and 3d Bn. Hq. Companies.

The prize-winning display was prepared by Lt. Robert Couillon, orientation officer, assisted by Pfc. Gino Bardi, former anti-fascist news writer. It was prepared under the direction of Capt. Paul Seabrook, company commander.

Feature of the wall panel display are two main sections entitled Facts for Fighters and World Fronts, with sub-titles to indicate

The Wolf by Sansone (In Hawaii)

"If you've made no plans for tonight, may I suggest something?"

items of editorial opinion, today's war news, and news on the home front, knowing your allies, knowing your enemies, and the combat soldier. Besides the orientation wall display, Bardi has a table which he keeps well stocked with books, newspapers and magazines. Last Monday all battalions of the 254th viewed a special skit prepared by the Division Special Service office called "The March of Conquest," which showed the Nazi encroachment upon Europe. As part of the regimental orientation program, Pfc. Samuel Clark outlined to the men the available courses of study offered by the Armed Forces Service Institute for off-duty study. Clark pointed out that considerable educational opportunities are lost by men who failed to take advantage of these courses. Clark, a former history professor at Brown University, said that he will be available to all servicemen and women interested in signing up for study courses Monday and Wednesday evenings from 2000 to 2100 at Library No. 2.

Pillboxes Erected By Engrs. to Test Div. Combat Teams

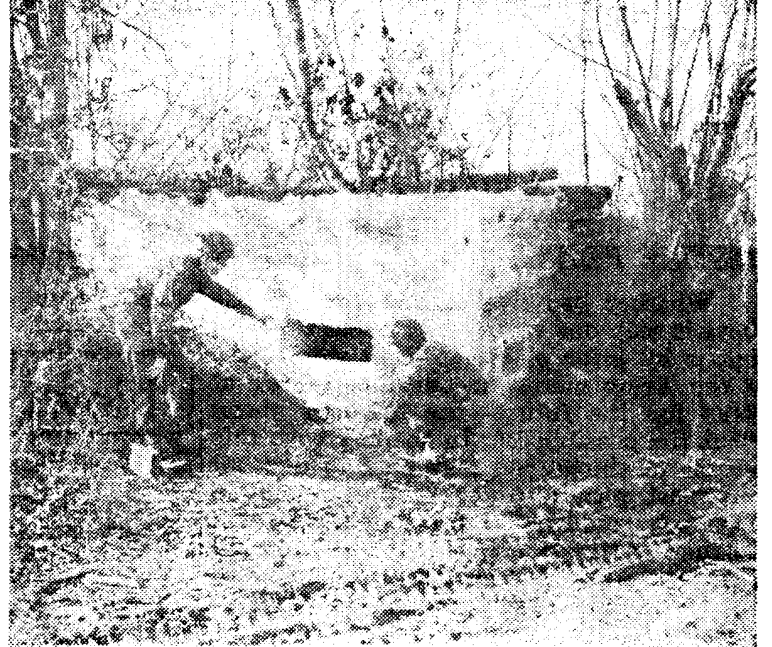
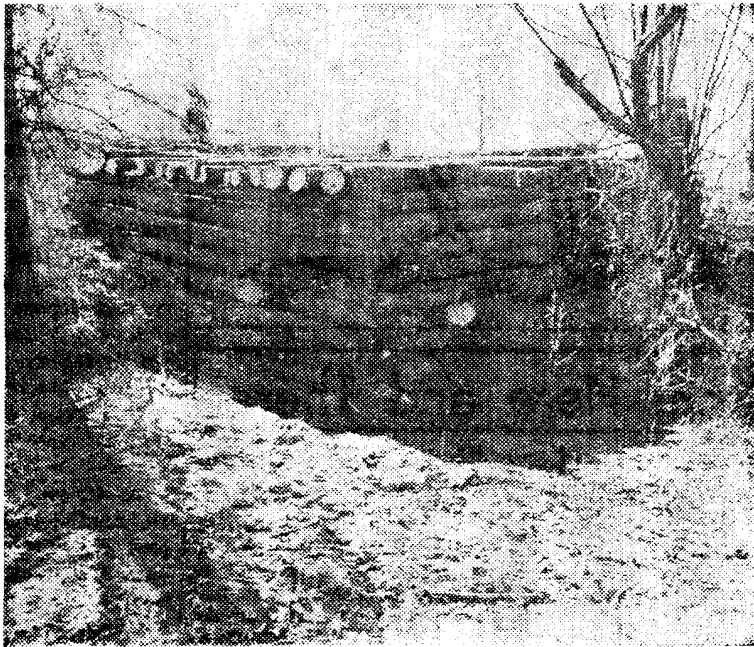
Proving their ability at construction work as well as at combat, men of the 263d Engr. Bn., are now including the building of pillboxes among their many activities.

A training sector to test the division's three combat teams in operations against land fortifications is being liberally sprinkled with concrete and log pillboxes.

One concrete pillbox and two log pillboxes to be used in chemical warfare problems have already been completed for Maj. Glenn Y. Williamson, division chemical officer.

Similar to miniature fortresses which the men may expect to encounter in actual battle, the pillboxes are triangular in shape and measure 16 feet on each side. They are seven feet high and are set in concealed, dug-in positions.

Much of the work on the pillboxes has been done tactically and at night under strict blackout conditions and with the protection of strategically-placed security elements. Each of the bn.'s three line companies is building one concrete and two log pillboxes in the close-in training area to which it has been assigned.



PILLBOXES, built to represent the real thing have been constructed by the 263d Engr. Bn. in order to help train personnel of the Division's three combat teams. Top photos show the building of a log pillbox at night, while bottom left depicts the finished product in the morning. Bottom right, one of the concrete miniature forts is shown being camouflaged.

Division Soldiers Heard in Broadcast

With Pvt. Frank Holub of Hq. Btry, Div. Arty, acting as master of ceremonies, representatives of the armed forces from Camp Van Dorn and citizens of Natchez participated in the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center, Natchez, last Sunday afternoon.

Pvt. Holub, who was a radio entertainer in civilian life and who also managed a rodeo show, and a daredevil thrill act in Hollywood, sang "You'll Never Know." Another Division representative, Pvt. Leo Avellis, of Sv. Co., 253d Inf., whistled "Easter Parade" and "As Time Goes By."

Highlighting the program was the performance of Cpl. Lorraine Daignault of the WAC Detachment, who played three selections on the violin: "Because," the "London-derry Air" and "Sorrento." Cpl. Daignault studied under Prof. Alfred Larsen, conductor of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and has been heard in several concerts in Camp.

Heard also on the broadcast was Mrs. R. M. Greenwood, a resident of Natchez, who sang "Thank God for a Garden" and "Carrissima." Two youngsters, Dorothy White, 11, and Bobby Nell Carpenter, 10, of Natchez, sang "Paper Doll."

253d Drivers Top Spot Check

Drivers of vehicles of the 253d Inf. are well out ahead of other drivers of the division in motor maintenance, according to results of spot checks issued this week by the Division Ordnance office.

The spot check team reports that other units of the division have taken a nosedive, indicating a lack of attention to vehicle maintenance. A spokesman for the team said that those who failed to qualify among the top six maintenance leaders are "particularly fortunate that a complete score of all units is not published." He said that the percentage of deficiencies per vehicle had increased to an "alarming extent" and that the score sheet is a "sad sight." The score sheet is posted at Division Ordnance office.

Motor maintenance leaders were:

Unit	Avg. Deficiency
1st—253d Inf.	1.9
2d—63d Hq. Co.	2.2
3d—63d Aen. Co.	2.3
4th (lie)—263d Med. Bn.	2.7
5th (lie)—253d Inf.	2.7
6th (lie)—761st PA Bn.	2.8
7th (lie)—563d Sig. Co.	2.8
8th (lie)—Div. Arty.	3.8
9th (lie)—254th Inf.	4.0
10th (lie)—263d Engr. Bn.	4.0

RARITAN, N. J. (CNS)—Marine Sgt. Johnny Basilone, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism at Guadalcanal, is on his way back to the wars. He requested combat service again after being assigned as a machine gun instructor in the U. S.

Engrs. Design New Type Bayonet Runs

Three new bayonet courses, designed by the 263d Engrs. and constructed by infantry ammunition and pioneer platoons, are now ready to test the combat efficiency of members of the Division's three combat teams.

The courses are the latest things for testing combat soldiers, according to Lt. Harry W. Wyre, S-2 of the 263d Engr. Bn., who planned the courses. In addition to the various types of dummies of the old-style bayonet course there are plenty of well-placed obstacles to add realistic toughness.

The bayonet targets include long and short thrust dummies, swinging parry and thrust targets, targets for butt strokes and dummies in foxholes and shellholes.

Among the obstacles to be overcome are log jumps, hurdles, ladder runs, a six-foot ditch jump, tunnels and a wall climb, distributed over the 500-yard courses.

Members of the Ranger platoon have already run one of the courses and attest to its toughness.

Lt. William Laz, Lt. George Gray and T/5 Ellsworth Herrmann, all of the 263d Engrs. supervised planning and construction of courses.

Radio Chains Sponsor Television Broadcasts

NEW YORK—When the guns are silenced and all the GIs become plain John Citizens again, one of the postwar commonplaces will probably be the broadcasting of television.

Already broadcasting television is being put on the air seven nights a week for eastern states by the Radio Corporation of America. NBC picks up sporting events for broadcasting on Mondays and Saturdays. CBS presents full-length motion pictures and newsreels Thursday and Friday nights, and the DuMont Television Laboratories present animated cartoons and other subjects on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday nights. Broadcasts are from Philadelphia, New York and Schenectady.

Pals to the Rescue

Pvt. Herman Stenkamp, I & R. Plat., 253d Inf., was notified last week that he could leave immediately on an 11-day furlough to his Oregon home.

Rail connections are such that he would have only one day at home if he made all train connections. If he missed a single train he would not be able to make the 6,400-mile round trip within the allotted time. The only way he could be sure of seeing his folks for any length of time was by flying, and, inasmuch as he had not been expecting a furlough at this time, he was short of cash.

His buddies heard of the situation and T/3 James Carey started the ball rolling with a \$5 contribution. In 15 minutes there was a kitty of \$121.50. Stenkamp flew home.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 0900.
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900.
Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 1000.
Chapel No. 10, Communion Service, 1000.
Chapels No. 7, 8, 1100.
Chapel No. 5, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1100.
Chapel No. 8, Lutheran Service, 1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Evening
Chapel No. 6, Musical Recital, 1530.
Chapel No. 5, 1815.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Sunday
Chapel No. 5, 0800.
Theater No. 5, 0900.
Theater No. 1, 1030.
Theater No. 10, 1100.

Evening Mass

Chapel No. 5, Monday (Novena Miraculous Medal), 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, Saturday, 1830-2000.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday
Station Hospital, 1845.
Chapel No. 7, 2000.
Chapel No. 7, 2000.

MORMON SERVICE

Chapel No. 6, 1400.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel No. 1, Friday, 1930.

The parachute was invented by Leonardo da Vinci in 1584, and he wrote of plans to drop troops and supplies from the air.

Report to the Homefolks

By Pvt. Irwin Ross

A month ago I started out to give a personal, intimate view of Btry. B, 863d F. A. Bn., but on Saturday, January 28, at 1500, I became an infantryman, attached to Hq. and Hq. Co., 255th Inf.

The shift was all very simple. On Saturday morning the Battery Commander told us to pack. In the afternoon our barracks bags were loaded aboard trucks, and off we marched for a short three blocks. The bags were unloaded, an infantry officer called out names, then the bags were reloaded on other trucks. We hopped aboard, and bags and men were driven two or three blocks to our new home. Thus I became a doughboy.

This has been my second shift in branch service within three months, and I don't have to be told that the Army, in its infinite wisdom, moves in mysterious ways.

I remember when I was first called up for active duty last June. My mimeographed orders, of which I received five copies, stated that I was going first to the induction center at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and thence to Camp Edison, N. J., for basic training in the Signal Corps. I was quite elated at being so close to my own particular home front. I reported down at Penn Station in quite a breezy frame of mind, my pockets loaded with timetables for Trenton—which junction I would use while at Dix—and Red Bank. I firmly expected to be trotting down Broadway on my first week-end in the Army.

Processing at the induction center proceeded normally. One little item in the newspaper faintly ruffled my serenity. Camp Edison, the N. Y. Times reported, was soon to be vacated by the Signal Corps, but its basic training activities would be shifted to adjacent Camp Wood and Fort Monmouth. I did not think too much about it.

Came the day of shipment. Hundreds of names rumbled over the microphone in the thick guttural accent of the famed Reception Center "tough guy," Sergeant Lidak. Many of the boys, like me, were bound for Camp Edison. Others, sadder and quieter, had orders that read Camp Swift, Texas. We naturally assumed we were going to board different trains.

We lined up in the company street, our clothing and equipment spread out in front of us. Piece after piece we held up in our hands to be checked. Then we packed. Nobody was told to pack the mess kit near the mouth of the barracks bag. This was universally taken as a good omen. It meant a short trip. The boys bound for Texas immediately assumed that they weren't going there. After all, they reasoned, last week hadn't some fellows destined for Camp Crowder, Mo., been sent to Edison instead?

We were all told to get out of our fatigues—the only uniform we had worn since entering the Army—and don khakis. We were happy to look decent again. We were even happier because khakis were worn on short trips, fatigues on long ones. By this time, the Texas boys were also making plans for the next weekend in New York.

We boarded the trains, sat down, opened the windows, grinned at each other. What matter if they were ancient, creaking, filthy coaches? In a couple of hours they weren't going there. After all, the Jersey shoreline.

A sergeant, dressed in fatigues, appeared in the doorway. "I'd advise you boys to get into fatigues," he said, "it's going to be a long trip."

We shook our heads incredulously. How far could we go in coaches? He was kidding, of course. We loosened our ties, for it was hot, but made no move to change clothes.

We couldn't recognize the names of the Jersey hamlets as they flashed by on the station platforms. One, two hours...the train did not stop. At Philadelphia a few boys, troubled by the coal dust flying through the windows, changed into fatigues.

By the time we reached Harrisburg, everybody had changed. Even the most resolutely optimistic among us decided that we weren't going to Camp Edison. But where were we going? I hung on to my timetables, reluctant to rip this link from the past.

I sat next to the saddest looking fellow I had ever seen. He had been marked for Edison too, and

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EDITORIAL

DEATH PLAYS NO FAVORITES

Whether you live or whether you die there is only one way you can beat the rap; that is by *prior planning*. That watchword of the Army merely means the making of plans for the future—the thinking ahead about the possibilities. In keeping with this scheme of things you may plan to live but you must plan also for reinforcements in case you suddenly receive a permanent "change of situation" at the direction of the Supreme Arbitrator. The reinforcement you can plan for is a sizeable chunk of Government life insurance.

Every day men in all walks of life, of every age and in divers stages of physical fitness, are victims of the Grim Reaper.

The other day one of our soldiers died. He had a wife and child, but no insurance. He left only memories and they will not buy food or pay rent. With just a little bit of prior planning and six to seven dollars a month out of his pay, his dependents would now be the recipients of insurance payments from a \$10,000 policy.

Take a tip—DEATH PLAYS NO FAVORITES.

"BEND AN EAR, FRIEND"

In a recent War Bond drive a skipper asked one of his loquacious enlisted men to give a short pep talk to his shipmates, urging them to help the cause. The classic bit of oratory follows:

"Mates, your Uncle Sam is in the same spot you've found yourself many a time just before the eagle flies—a little short on the long green—and wants to put a slight touch on you.

"Uncle—known in faster circles as a right guy when it comes to paying off—needs 15 billion, which is slightly more than just a few iron men, for various bric-a-brac such as guns, planes and ships so that you can toss a little hot lead at fellows who thought Unc wasn't capable of putting up a scuffle.

"War Bonds are the answer, mate, with interest, yet. When a fella puts the bite on you for a fiver, you get back nothing more than five rocks, if you're lucky. With a War Bond loan you get a kickback of 25 slugs for 18.75 loaned. Not bad, fella. Beats trying to double your scratch by looking at hole cards in a poker game or tossing the galloping dominoes.

"Comes now the gem of the deal. You can make an allotment for the bond just as you do for a dependent or insurance. As little as 6¼ bobs a month would get you a personal interest in this little set-to-right quick-like.

"What would Fritzie do if he were in Uncle's shoes? Would he be nice and polite-like and make an appeal for the dough? He'd probably tell his cronies to scatter amongst the good citizens with a few heels, taking up all the sawbucks with Hitler's picture on them. The reason, they might say, was that the big man recently sat for a new picture and felt it was more becoming. Nice goings on, hey bub?

"Over here the take is slightly different. Uncle invites you to sink a little hard cash in something that's a lead pipe lock, a sure thing, so let's lend a hand. After all, a few short snorts missed, a poker game sat out of, is little to ask when the stakes are so high.

"How's about it, chum?"

—National Rural Letter Carrier.



News from Here and There

GI Identifies WAC

Barracks—for Beer

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—It took an alert young private just five seconds to identify an un-military objective when an aerial photo class was offered a free beer as a prize. Snapped the private: "Sir, that's the WAC barracks."

Soldiers Use Fish Nets

To Camouflage Helmets

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Illegal fish nets confiscated by the state are being turned over to Camp Blanding soldiers who use them for camouflage nets for their helmets.

Wisconsin to Permit

Soldiers to Vote

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's election law, amended to permit soldier voting, changes the date of the primary from Sept. 19 to Aug. 15 and requires local election clerks to send ballots by air mail to Wisconsin men and women in the armed forces.

Five Years in Army,

Aviator Becomes Col.

LONDON—Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex., who enlisted as a private in the Army five years ago, has been promoted to colonel at the age of 25. As a lieutenant he has been commanding a group of B-26 Marauder medium bombers and will continue to lead them in sweeps over Europe. Col. Wood, one of the youngest of his rank in the AAF, was a football and basketball player at Baylor University, making the All-Southwest Conference teams in both sports.

Alaskan Troops Shy,

Says Ingrid Bergman

HOLLYWOOD — American troops in Alaska are a shy lot, says Ingrid Bergman, Swedish-born screen actress.

"We practically had to chase them," she said after her return from a six-week tour of camps in the north. "They asked many questions about Hollywood and how America looks now. And so many of them thought I looked like their wives."

Draft Board Rejects

Monkeys as Dependents

RICHMOND, Va.—A 32-year-old man who had been reclassified 1-A appeared at state selective service headquarters and asked for a ruling as to whether three chimpanzees used in his carnival act were dependents.

"I have to feed them and I'm responsible for their welfare," he said. "Efforts to get rid of them have been unsuccessful. Nobody wants them."

Draft board officials turned down the chimps as dependents.

Long Shot Serial Number

Shared by Barracks Mates

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — The Army figures that only once in 100,000 times would two soldiers have the same last initial and last four digits of the serial number. Pvt. Alfred Stoll, of Birmingham, Mich., and Pvt. Alex K. Sherman, of St. Louis, hit that long shot. Because they share quarters, however, authorities said they could straighten out their own problem.

Seven Weeks Chase Ends

When Bride Finds Beau

LOS ANGELES—It took Pvt. Virgil D. Kiggins, 22, and Bonnie Feaster, 16, two years of letter writing and seven weeks of search to bring their romance to marriage. They used to be neighbors in South Bend, Ind., and corresponded regularly when he joined the Army two years ago. After Bonnie's family moved to Renton, Wash., Kiggins proposed in a letter and Bonnie went to Camp Santa Anita to marry him. While she was on the way, Kiggins was transferred to San Bernardino and it took her seven weeks to find him.

Jeep Has New Role;

Becomes Fire Truck

LONDON (CNS)—Lt. Richard Rice, of Kansas City, has thought up a new job for the Army jeep. He has turned it into a fire truck.

When Army engineers assumed responsibility for protecting military property against fire here, Lt. Rice painted his jeep red, mounted it with short ladders and a fire gong and made it the command car of a fire platoon.

Jap Ace Gets American

Who Vowed to Down Him

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—"The Nipponese Nemesis," a Jap flier who is said to have shot down at least a dozen American planes in the Southwest Pacific, has added the name of Maj. Edward Cragg, Jr., second ranking American ace in this area, to his list of victims.

Cragg, who at 23 was the youngest squadron leader in Gen. MacArthur's command, had vowed many times to kill the "Nemesis," flier of a sleek, silver fighting plane, but the Jap pilot got him first, according to eye witnesses of their clash, who saw Cragg's plane crash into the sea after diving on the silver Jap plane.

Yanks Swap Apricots

For Italian Airplane

NAPLES (CNS)—Four GIs, members of an AAF service group stationed here, went without dessert the other night, then traded a gallon of apricots to a native for a nifty two-place Italian monoplane. Now they're taking flying lessons from P-40 pilots stationed in the neighborhood.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Saul Miller
(Div. Artillery)

A tall well built soldier in his early twenties was talking to a group of students. The directness of his talk, his arresting physique, and winning personality did not completely explain why his audience was moved so deeply. The real answer came as a direct reply to the question of what they could do in this war. The answer was, "get tough with yourself." He went on to explain that three years ago in that same school he was a "soft undisciplined kid." He slouched when he sat, drooped when he stood, shuffled when he walked. Everyone straightened up, catching the contagion of his well poised, erect bearing.

They caught the deeper meaning of a toughened moral and spiritual fibre as he told them it meant cleaner living. He said "you can't break any of the ten commandments and get away with it because you aren't in the service. The finest officer I had told me that, and it's true."

Most men at Camp Van Dorn are tough physically. They know their lives depend on it. Many also know that their lives depend on tough moral and spiritual fibre. Our own future, that of our country, depend on that. Victory and the knowledge of a well fought battle will be empty, hollow heroism unless we win the moral battle and are able to stand before God with spiritual victory behind us and opportunity ahead.

That was what Paul meant when he wrote to Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." No one promises you easy things. No good soldier asks for easy things. God asks that you "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Do this and you'll be a specimen of young manhood that your country can be proud of.

G. I. Jingles

KP LIST

(Parody on "Abou Ben Adhem")

Snafu Joe, may his tribe decrease,
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace
And saw within the firelight near his bed
A sight which augured evil days ahead;
The Sergeant writing in his little book,
Our Joe was tempted—yet he dare not look.
Then timorously this hero said:
"What writest thou?"—the "BOSS" then raised his head,

With curling lip and look of scorn
"Those honored ones on KP Sunday morn."
"Will I be one among them all?"

"Nay, not so, if thou art 'on the ball'.
"Ah, 'tis well, I knew you'd do me right."

But, alas! this blatherskite,
As barracks orderly for the night,
Had dimmed out all the firelight—
And then when KP list was posted, of those blessed—

Lo; Our Snafu Joe's name led all the rest.

—By Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit,
Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Inf.

IT'S THE ARMY

Heads and eyes off the ground,
Dress is right and cover down,
Forty inches from man to man,
Hold that cadence, understand?
Swing your arms from front to rear,
Six and three, is that clear?
Close it up and keep in line,
I'm getting tired of double time,
Strip that rifle, be sure it's clean,
Also mess gear and canteen.
Dust those shoes and make them shine,
Lights are out at half past nine.
We were promised furloughs that didn't come,
That's what makes the rumors hum,
So something else that's out with me,
I'm getting sick of SOP.

Many things to give one fits,
Such as chow out of mess kits,
The mess hall we all adore,
If not to eat in what's it for?

Squad runs here, and night problems there,
Tactics get in anyone's hair.
Police up, guard and KP, too.

Rest is the one thing one doesn't do,
With all this griping and much more yet,
There's one thing sure we can't forget,
It takes all this and co-operation, too,
For us to gain the victory true.

—By Sgt. Raymond T. Peterson,
Co. K, 253d Inf.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

718th F. A. Bn.—Pfc. James Weatherholt, Hq. Btry., timed his furlough at an opportune moment. While he was home his wife presented him with a new son. He received a three-day extension so that he could bring mother and son home from the hospital...Pvt. Paul W. Hepfer, Btry. C, recently suffered an acute heart condition and was sent home on furlough...He was back in a week, completely healed by marriage...Baker Battery found 26 January a momentous occasion...it marked the birthday of Lt. James A. Hart, Jr., Cpl. Alfred East, Pfc. Ernest Usher and Pvts. Joe Lang and Demsey Joyner...Pfc. Leo Parrone is the father of a 8-pound daughter...Miss June Robinson of Brookhaven, Miss., was married on 28 January to Pvt. Ernest E. Meadows of Gainesboro, Tenn. Following a two-day wedding trip, Meadows returned to the battery.

263d Engr. Bn.—Recent changes in officer personnel have added Lt. Robert E. Miller to the staff of the 263d. He was formerly with the 180th Engineer heavy pontoon Bn., Camp Maxey, Texas...He's now commanding a platoon in Co. B...Maj. John A. McAllister, Lt. Howard A. Fitzgerald and Lt. Chesley M. Moyer, Jr., are attending courses at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

253d Inf.—When topkick James C. Harvey left for Charleston, W. Va., on his furlough he left his orderly room in the capable hands of S/Sgt. Eugene Halstead, communication platoon sergeant of Hq. Co., 1st Bn...Both are men of long service and have been buddies since the day they both got their Pfc stripes together...Cpl. Roy Steinhauer found himself all tangled up in figures as soon as he got home, his wife awaited him with income tax forms...Cpl. Carl H. Corder, Kentucky's biggest booster in these parts, now runs the supply room at Hq. Co., 1st Bn, but he formerly was a railroad man from Somerset, Ky...His civilian training helped a lot this week when he wielded an electric lantern—after the fashion of railway brakemen—while T/3 Manuel Lopez completed the company's outdoor mess tent...

Promoted in Anti-Tank Co. are Pfc. Ralph E. Adams, Frank Barnef, Jr., Michael J. Boyle, Nathan Brand, Joseph F. Cassesse, Edward J. Cook, Lewis R. Curry, Robert J. Doherty, Jack K. Drews, Steve J. Filipczak, George H. Goundie, Welker W. Henderson, Philip D. Hensley, Lupe R. Hernandez, John R. McCauley, Louis G. Sablich, Abraham Salem and James Testa...T/5s include James I. Paumer, James F. Harvey, Fred S. Larue and Samuel Siegel...New Cpls. include Frank Addressi, James E. Garner, Irwin H. Gold, Henry E. Haake, Jink E. Jones, Wesley A. McMahon, Bruce G. Parker and Herb Wiedinger...Charles H. Betz, Cecil C. Curlett, Wilson A. Hayden, Stanley J. Pajka, William R. Robertson and Roejone P. Thiln now all answer the call of sergeant, and Herman Hall, Angelo J. Sebben and Clarence B. Tenney are new staffs...New T/Sgts. include Elzie V. Kerne, Olaf E. Miller and Clayton E. Robertson...

Should he ever land on the sunny (?) shores of Italy, Pfc. Emilio D'Allendris, Co. L, will have no trouble making himself understood...He came to the USA in 1940 from his birthplace, within 70 miles of Rome...Cpl. Joseph E. Wilson, Co. L, has one more week of Ranger School before rejoining his outfit...and Cpl. William G. Dwyer joined the Ranger School course Monday...Pvt. Michael M. Capone—no relation to the gangster Capones—has rejoined his barracks mates at Co. L after 13 days in Station Hospital...Dizziness definition of the week was given Capt. Edward J. Blake, of Co. L, when he asked a GI what an overlay was...the reply: "It's like a lay-over...a 10-minute break."

"Sam can't make the pants too long" should be the theme song of Pvt. Peter M. Frankevitch, of Co. D, who rises 6 feet 5 inches in his raw feet...his trousers come 32-40, and supply sergeant Ferdinand P. Huseman is going crazy trying to wangle a replacement for Pete's wornout GI 14 1/2 AA shoes...T/Sgt. Karl W. Baker and Cpl. Harold F. McCullough have both returned from furloughs on which they saw new shoes and heirs for the first time...

T/5 William C. Cooper looks as though he were sure he's the happiest doughboy in all the 63d Division...he's returned from his furlough on which he was married to his childhood sweetheart in Goodyear, Conn...The 253d Inf. Band played a servicemen's dance at McComb this week...they also took part in the orientation display staged by 1st Bn. under the direction of 1st Lt. John Darnell Jr., and Lt. Paul Prickett, of Co. C, and they will also broadcast tomorrow from station WMIS, Natchez...Band Leader Pvt. Raiph Carasuola has returned from furloughing in New York city.

Maj. Eli J. Stern, commanding 253d Inf., Med. Det. is back in Van Dorn after taking leave in New York, but Sgt. James J. Carey is making sure that the Blood and Fire emblem is seen these days along the Great White Way...Sgt. Lawrence S. DiRubbo has recently enjoyed the first furlough he's had in 16 months service in this Army...he passed it largely in New York's tenderloin...Sgt. Albert K. Welch has returned from furloughing in Chattanooga, Tenn., while Cpl. W. C. Melvin, taking his first furlough in 26 months, is now in Cincinnati, where he'll get himself a wife...Sgt. Sammy Cuva has returned with his new bride from Omaha, Neb...T/5 J. G. "Doc" Koons, of 253d Med. Det. advises that Centreville beers are two bits a throw for dime beers without glasses... "Take a tip from an old night owl, buy your suds at the PX," he says... "You get the brand you want and skip the clip"... Aloha to Capt. George S. Palmer and Capt. Edwin R. Eaton, both of the med. det. They've gone to new assignments in the U. S. A... They were both with the division at its activation...

254th Inf.—Pfc. Dominic Farrara is the new assistant to Lt. Joseph Stanton in instructing men at AT CO. in the 50 cal machine gun... He received special training in that weapon at the Mississippi Ordnance Plant, Flora, Miss... Now answering to "Sergeant" at AT Co. are Henry White, Dwight Early, and Edward Baiel, and new corporals include Lewis Herman, Burkett McInturf, Gilbert Hergesheimer, and John Layne. T/5 stripes go to Carl Rebarkehiek. Sgt. Henry White has returned from his furlough a married man. The lucky woman is the former Lonella West, of Cullman, Ala...

Pvt. Vincent Di Vivo of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., shows signs of being a modern Leonardo Di Vinci by virtue of his excellent portrait of T/Sgt. Arthur Goman... Promotions this week in Co. E made new T/Sgts. of Samuel F. McCanness, Melvin R. Davy, and William C. Otto; new S/Sgts. Robert R. Wilson, Lawrence J. Leyburn, John C. Whitney, (Continued on Page 8.)

Men of 254th Visit Natchez

Men of the 254th Inf. will enjoy the hospitality of the people of Natchez next week-end when they visit the city for an overnight stay. The soldiers will be billeted at the Recreation Area located at Duncan Park.

A dance, sponsored by the City of Natchez and the Servicemen's Center, will be held Saturday night at the City Auditorium. The regimental orchestra will play for the dancing.

On Sunday, members of the dance band and others will participate in the weekly broadcast from the Center. The men will also be invited to visit places of historic interest in the city.

Plans for the affair are in the hands of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley and his assistant, Cpl. Leslie Heath.

45 Men Promoted In 263d Engr. Bn.

Forty-five enlisted men of the 263d Engr. Bn. received promotions last Monday, Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding officer of the unit, announced. Eleven men were promoted to Sergeant; five were made T/4s; three became Corporals; eight were made T/5s, and 18 became privates first class.

The new Sergeants are George Harris, Richard W. Harvey, Joseph N. Perisich, William E. Snyder, William G. Sweeney, Warren Husack, Ralph C. Neves, Cleland A. Pogue, William J. Smith, Robert D. Stedman and Rune E. Thorn.

T/4s are Donovan G. Schuster, Morris J. Gugig, Charles W. Lawson, James H. Simmons, and Albert P. Cavallaro.

Adolph N. Costello, Louis Filippini and Frank J. Pace were promoted to Corporal and the following became T/5s: Johnny S. Foise, Frank A. Stopka, Jr., George L. Olds, Leon Dolderer, Kenneth G. Jorgenson, Andrew McGaw, Jr., Edward Saull, and Edward G. Hajek.

The following men were promoted to Pfc.: Plynk K. Duvall, Alan D. Hamberg, William R. Hansen, Clarence W. LeJeune, Paul L. Ridgeley, Joe J. Rodriguez, Olin O. Wilson, John F. Duncan, Jr., Ivan A. McKissock, Robert A. Patterson, Theodore D. Duncan, Thomas S. Jensen, George H. Kiefer, Jr., Paul S. Lopson, Edward A. Patton, Carl J. Schorn, Robert H. Van Arsdale and Nelson E. Ward.

Natchez to Hold Dance Tonight

The 253d Inf. orchestra will play for a formal dance to be held for members of the armed forces at the City auditorium in Natchez tonight. The dance is being sponsored by the City of Natchez and the Servicemen's Center. Miss Jenny McLin, program superintendent, will be in charge. Dancing will be from 2030 until 2400.

On Sunday afternoon service personnel will be conducted on tours of historic homes in and around Natchez. At 1605 a 25-minute broadcast will emanate from the Servicemen's Center. The 253d orchestra and other talent from the same regiment will be heard on the air.

Following the broadcast a java hour will be held at which coffee and other refreshments will be served.

Salvaged Bottles Help Camp Funds

A campaign for the return of empty beverage bottles, which has the dual merit of policing the area and making money available for dividends to the organizations in Camp Van Dorn, began today.

Serious shortages of soft drink and beer bottles have occurred both in civilian and military establishments because of failure of users to return empty bottles. Bottlers point out, however, that there are plenty of bottles if they are kept in circulation.

Civilians have been bombed for months with a campaign to get empty bottles out of the basement and today soldiers of the 63d Inf. Div. and other units in Camp Van Dorn were requested to pluck the bottles from hiding under barracks, in day rooms, behind doors and wherever they are not in circulation.

Empty bottles should be returned to the nearest PX.

For each bottle returned, two cents will be made available for dividends to organizations in camp.

Cn. Co., 255th, Promotes 29 Men

Promotions announced this week by Cn. Co., 255th Inf. include one Sergeant 11 Corporals, six to T/5 and 11 to privates first class.

The new Sergeant is Foy C. Phillips.

New Corporals are: Joseph Bazika, William T. Fitzgerald, William W. Hennon, Elmer Johnson, Raymond McCone, Eigil Pedersen, Dominic Rinaldi, Elmer J. Roberts, Jacob Solin, Carl Stuenkel, and Gerald C. Thompson.

T/5 ratings went to Max Deakter, Oscar Hernandez, Jesse Lewis, Donovan Moore, Waldo Schumaker and Ernest Simpson.

New Pfc's are: Frank Dean, Martin Honaker, Richard Knudtson, Cecil Carmichael, Kenneth Miller, Bernard Nichting, Albert Phillips, Raymond Sternberg, Kenneth Tenge, William E. Vogt, and Leslie Wisuri.

400 at CT White Dance on Friday

With the Foxhole Fugitives of the 254th Inf. furnishing the music some 400 soldiers of that regiment attended a dance Friday at the CT White Rec Hall. Their partners were 110 beautiful Southern Belles—from Baton Rouge, Natchez and other neighboring communities.

Due to the overwhelming majority of the dancers being male, Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, athletic and recreation officer of the regiment, started such novelties as broom dances, and lemon-lemon to spice the evening's entertainment.

The Grand March was directed by Cpl. Leslie Heath.

Another highlight of the night's program was the musical selections by a trio comprising Pvts. Harry Dotekek, Jack Campbell and Glenn Wyatt.

China Town Hall Topic

Know Your Ally—China, will be the topic of the next 254th Inf. Town Hall Forum to be held Monday at 1900 at Theatre No. 5. The moderator will be Pfc. Douwe Stuurman, while T/5 Nathan Guttman, Cpl. William B. Smith, Pfc. Dino Bardi, and Pfc. Samuel Clark will discuss the political, economic, social and military phases of China.

Allotment Increase Urged for Soldiers To Aid Bond Drive

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He also said he would contact Camp Van Dorn officials and local postal officials to urge the sale of War Savings Stamps, in the belief that many men who feel unable to afford bonds will invest their spare dimes and quarters in stamps which can be turned in on bonds.

The goal of the Fourth War Loan Drive is \$14,000,000,000. Throughout the period of the drive major emphasis will be placed on sales to individuals. No quota has been set for either the War Department or the 63d Inf. Div., but efforts will be made to obtain pledges of additional cash purchases as well as increased bond allotments.

Securities Offered
The War Department circular on the drive says:

"In order that maximum results be obtained, it is urgent that action be taken immediately to initiate or increase Class A pay reservations and Class B allotments and effect cash purchases of bonds by both military and civilian personnel."

Though most soldiers will buy Series E Bonds, which yield a return of \$25 in 10 years on an original investment of \$18.75, the securities to be sold will include Series F and G savings bonds, Series C savings notes, 2 1/2 per cent bonds of 1965-70, 2 3/4 per cent bonds of 1956-59 and 7 per cent Certificates of Indebtedness.

"It is the desire of the Secretary of War that this drive be actively supported throughout the Military Establishment and all commanding officers are hereby directed to initiate and conduct a vigorous program within their commands among both civilian and military personnel," the WD circular said. "It is essential that each commanding officer establish and maintain a War Bond organization which is adequate for effective action so that all personnel, military and civilian, shall be contacted frequently by a Minute Man or similar representative of the War Bond organization."

Legion Magazine Seeks GI Material

NEW YORK (CNS)—The American Legion has invited servicemen to send stories, cartoons and photos to the American Legion Magazine, 1 Park Ave., N. Y. (16) N. Y.

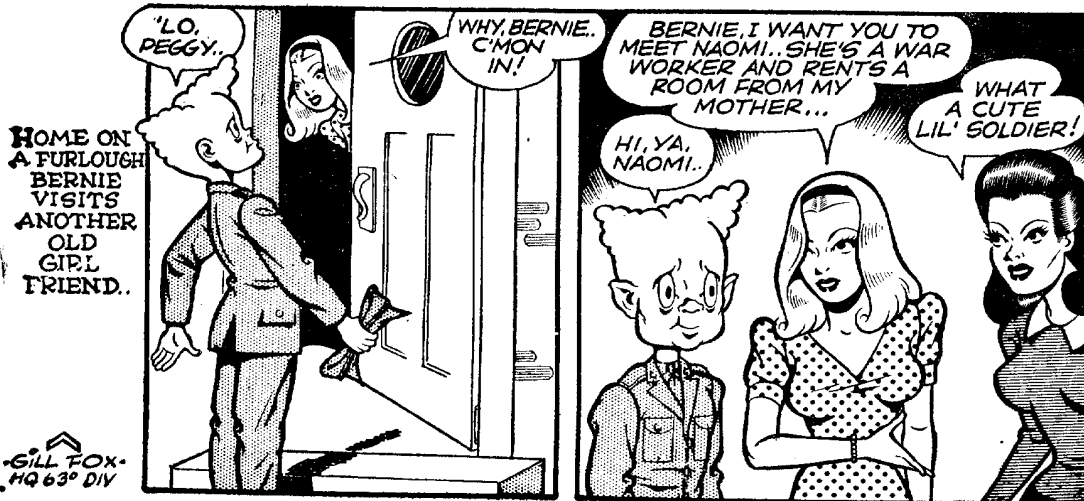
Regular rates will be paid for all material accepted, the Legion has announced. All manuscripts must be cleared, however, by post public relations offices, before they are submitted for publication.

Worker Clips Brooklyn Navy Yard for \$4,000

NEW YORK (CNS)—Harold S. Jacobs, 43, an employee of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, stole so much material from his place of employ that after a year and a half he had more of certain items in his possession than the Navy Yard had, according to FBI agents who recently arrested Jacobs on charges of stealing \$4,000 worth of Navy material.

Jacobs told the FBI he "just liked to take things home with me." His bond was set at \$1,000.

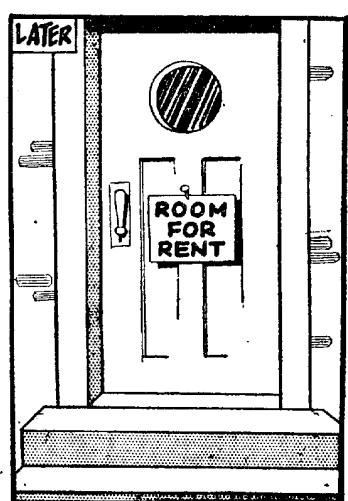
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Priority Violator



By GILL FOX

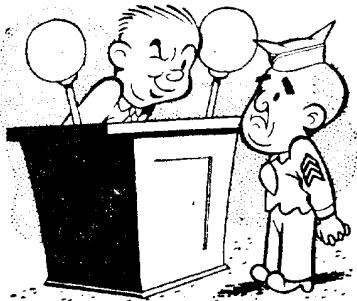


TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Some very wise guy once said something to the effect that you can't fool all the people all the time. I want to amend this as far as John Soldier is concerned. You have a hell of a time ever fooling him. It's right remarkable how he can size you up for what you really are.

I know what I'm talking about, seeing as how I was a buck private myself for eight years and a corporal for as many more. I'm not ashamed of it either, because in those days promotion was as slow as Christmas and you had to wait for somebody to die off before you could climb up another rung on the ladder. As a matter of fact, it wasn't until a few years ago, when they began inflating rank along with dough and other things, that my stripes got a few circles under their eyes.

But, to get back to what I was talking about, these privates form about as hard-boiled a court as



ever sat on a case and, believe me, brother, if they hand down a verdict that you're O. K., then you are, and that's all there is to it. I reckon it's got to be that way, but sometimes I think it's too bad that their findings are always sealed ones, and the accused "beats the rap" at least for the time being anyway.

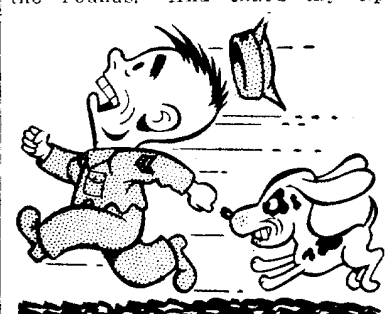
A good noncom knows what I'm saying is true and realizes that if he gets the respect and confidence of the men under him, the rest of this leadership game is about as easy as falling off a greased log. Now, of course, you are going to ask me the best way to do this. Well, that's pretty

difficult to answer, but I'll lead with my chin and take a shot at answering it.

The most important item in being a good noncom was instilled in you long before the 63d Division was even a gleam in the War Department's eye; your parents had a lot to do with it. I am talking about character. Darned few of us are hot shot leaders, but if you've got a little iron in your blood mixed with a few old-fashioned American ideals of justice and fair play, a fair amount of intelligence, coupled with a well-developed sense of duty, then you have got some of the finest substitutes of leadership in the world and it will take you a long, long way.

By having a sense of duty I mean that when you are told to do something or figure something should be done without anybody telling you that that you are just about as liable to fail to do it as the sun is not to come up tomorrow morning.

Now I'll just add one more thing to this mixture and we'll have a pretty fair NCO. He must know his stuff. It's damned hard to lead anybody unless you know more than they do. Just make a fool of yourself once in front of a bunch of privates and they lose a lot of respect for you. This means that you new noncoms have got to work like hell to keep ahead of the lounds. And that's my tip



for this week and I'm aiming it at those who are lucky enough to have stripes now and those who have hopes of getting them.



BATTLE EXPERIENCE and the value of intensive training for combat were recounted to 1,000 men of the 253d Inf. Thursday by a dozen veterans of fighting in the Pacific and European theaters. Nine of the speakers are shown here. They are, left to right: Sgt. Leo Plompen, Pvt. Floyd Mullens, S/Sgt. Leward Duquette, Pvt. James Callow, Pfc. Orval Hedge, Sgt. John Rendulick, Pvt. William O'Connor, Pvt. Clement J. Siracusana and Pfc. Edmund Miller.

Arranger of Swing Leads Blue Band Veterans Tell Experiences In Battle to Men of 253d

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he studied composition and counterpoint under Philip James, noted teacher and composer.

Billie Holiday, famous jazz singer, was looking for an arranger to straighten out "Strange Fruit," and when Mendelsohn performed the task to her satisfaction she engaged him to arrange her recorded versions of "Man I Love," "Gloomy Sunday," "Jim," "Love Me or Leave Me," and other popular numbers.

In addition she introduced him to Teddy Wilson, who had just left Benny Goodman to form his own band. Mendelsohn arranged many of the hot songs which added lustre to Wilson's name at the Famous Door, New York swing center.

Worked for Art Shaw
The work of the young composer-conductor attracted steadily growing attention and in due course he arranged for Al Goodman, Jack Shilkret, Carmen Cavallaro and Artie Shaw. Shaw's famous recorded arrangement of "St. James Infirmary" was done by Mendelsohn.

Branching out from radio and dance band arrangements, Mendelsohn scored music for industrial films, Bill Stern's Sportshorts, a Red Cross picture featuring Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, and a William Rowland production entitled "Follies Girl." He also orchestrated and scored parts of the music and conducted the orchestra in John Housman's production of Philip Barry's play, "Liberty Jones."

Mendelsohn's last job before entering the Army in August was with swing king, Harry James. For James, he arranged "You'll Never Know," "Sunday, Monday and Always," "She's From Missouri," "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "The Night You Called It a Day," and other hit parade favorites.

Plays at Social Functions
As in civilian life, Mendelsohn has found a way to make music serve a valuable purpose in his Army career. As a member of the Serv. Co., Combat Team Blue, he has organized a regimental dance band which plays for all social functions of the CTB. The members of the orchestra, sandwiching their music in with the intensive training schedule now under way, rehearse at odd moments with any instruments at hand. Many of the players, however, have brought their own saxes, violins and other instruments to Van Dorn.

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of a good weapon," he said. "We fired at planes with an unmounted gun, using a cartridge belt as a sling, and knocked down several."

Once, he said, 12 German tanks tried a sneak attack, but five American tank destroyers knocked out all the German vehicles in 18 minutes. A more personal encounter O'Connor described was a hand-to-hand fight with knives when a night patrol met a party of Germans.

BAR Saved Life

T/5 Isaac Feldman, Co. G, a Guadalcanal veteran, told the audience how, ambushed by Japs, he fought his way out with a BAR. Pvt. Frank Angellio, Med. Det., who was in the Midway and Coral Sea battles, told how the Japs tried unsuccessfully to bomb the troopship on which he was shipped.

Sgt. John Rendulick, Co. G, was on a troopship 160 miles from Algiers when it was hit by a torpedo launched from a German plane. A British corvette took off the American troops and moved them to Africa. Wounded in the neck by shrapnel, Sgt. Rendulick recovered in time to take part in the invasion of Sicily, where he described close in-fighting.

"In bayonet fighting with the Germans, Americans had the upper hand," the sergeant said, praising American close combat training.

Current warnings to men of the 63d Inf. Div. about dangers of malaria were pointed up by Pvt. Floyd Mullens, Cannon Co., a veteran of

Japanese attacks on Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Praises Discipline

"We received constant warnings about malaria," he said, "but still some of the men were lax about taking the preventive tablets provided."

Mullens told how, after the Japs bombed an ammunition dump and an airport, repairs were made in an incredibly short time by a crew which stood in reserve throughout the bombing, its trucks filled with dirt and steel mats.

How imperative and valuable is good discipline in a crisis was told by S/Sgt. Leward Duquette, Co. K. Sgt. Duquette was aboard the liner President Coolidge when the troopship was sunk off the New Hebrides. Chiefly because the thousands of men aboard were so well-drilled, only eight were lost in the sinking, he pointed out.

Lt. Col. Marion W. Schewe, executive officer of the 253d, also addressed the audience, admonishing the men to heed the practical lessons brought them by their veteran comrades. The mass meeting was arranged by Lt. Horace R. Hansen, Co. H.

YONKERS, N. Y.—Claiming a national record of wartime harmony, industrialists here say that not a single hour of production has been lost by strike or slowdown in any of the city's 17 war factories since the nation began its war program. Yonkers has a population of 142,000 persons.

Report to Home Folks

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had made elaborate plans. His fiancée had rented a cottage at the seashore, so that she could be near him during the summer. Despite gas rationing, he had bought a second hand car.

When we hit Pittsburgh, a rumor swept the train that we were bound for California. And at Pittsburgh we finally became resigned to the fact that we'd have to sleep on these coaches.

We rode them for three days and three nights. We took down the backs of the seats, laid them out flat and slept on them. We slept in the aisles, and in the wash-room, and in the box car that was our kitchen. We were as black as coal diggers when we arrived. We arrived at Camp Swift, Texas, all of us. I still have those timetables, but it's been seven months and I haven't seen New York since.

About 1,500 cyclists now leave their bikes at London subway stations and continue their journey underground.

Officers of 254th Stage Large Dance

With the regimental orchestra providing music for the dancing, the officers of the 254th Inf. staged a large dance at Service Club No. 2 last Saturday night.

Arrangements for the affair were handled by Captain Paul Bailey and Lt. Francis Callahan. The decorations were the handiwork of Lt. Charles Bender of the Police and Prison office.

Life Begins at 40 For 'Hard Luck' John

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mas seasons no present had reached "Hard Luck John." It was discovered that Bakun's name had been mixed up with those of men discharged. The Christmas gifts committee got busy, sent him the 1942 present this week and scheduled a meeting to decide on his 1943 gift.

And Alderman Buckey Dineen, chairman of Bakun's draft board, wrote the soldier that, once listed as discharged, he has been placed on the list of the very much active.

Natchez Maids Here to Dine Think Messkit Eating Fine

Eating from GI mess kits was an amusing and highly novel way to dine, if done for the first time, 30 young maidens from Natchez discovered Sunday when they were guests at a GI dinner at the 254th Infantry.

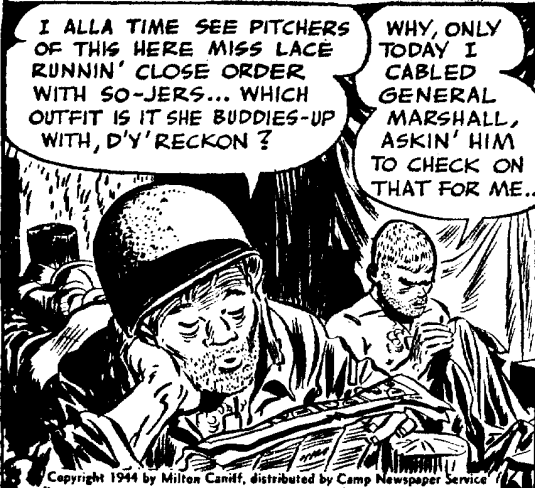
The girls came as guests of the regiment to dine and dance, and when Lt. Lawson M. Kately, regimental recreation and athletic officer, made the arrangements it had not occurred to him that under the present policy of cooking and eating under field conditions, all plates and silverware have been put away. Thus, when the girls arrived at Companies E and

H, the mess sergeants had to have GIs who had already finished their meals turn their equipment over to the girls.

The menu—regular Sunday evening fare—included noodles with meat sauce, cold cuts, cheese, potato salad, and cake with jelly icing. Following the meal the girls learned the GI method of cleaning mess gear in the three pails of hot soapy and clear water.

Following their meal, the girls accompanied men of the regiment to Service Club No. 1, where the "Foxhole Fugitives"—regimental dance orchestra—played dance music until 2100.

Male Call



I ALLA TIME SEE PITCHERS OF THIS HERE MISS LACE RUNNIN' CLOSE ORDER WITH SO-JERS... WHICH OUTFIT IS IT SHE BUDDIES-UP WITH, D'Y'RECKON?

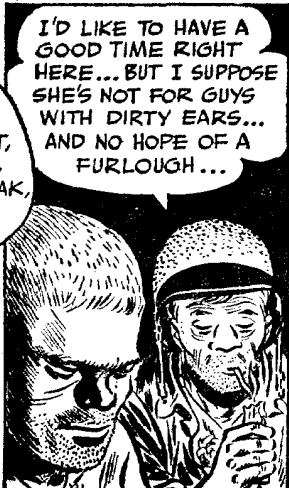
WHY, ONLY TODAY I CABLED GENERAL MARSHALL, ASKIN' HIM TO CHECK ON THAT FOR ME...

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



...AW! Y'KIDDIN'...

SURE, SPORT!... THAT LACE BABE IS SORTA EVERY G.I.'S CHICK... YOU MIGHT RUN INTO HER ON A PASS INTO TOWN MOST ANYWHERE... DARWIN, BELFAST, ALGIERS, KUNMING, BOSTON, FORT WORTH, SEATTLE, KODIAK, INDIANAPOLIS—WHEREVER YOU HOPE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME...



I'D LIKE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME RIGHT HERE... BUT I SUPPOSE SHE'S NOT FOR GUYS WITH DIRTY EARS... AND NO HOPE OF A FURLOUGH...

I Dream Of Genii



I GUESS NOT... HMMM... I MUST BE GOIN' NUTS! I'D SWEAR I SMELLED PERFUME JUST THEN...

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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Sabino O. Speranza . . . Also newly rated in that company are Cpls. Francis E. Valentine, Nathan Applebaum, Jacques A. Harrison, Edwin F. O'Laughlin, and William V. Bronkoski . . . Ernest B. Gilliland is a new T/5 . . .

Recent promotions in Co. M include the following: T/Sgt. James MacFarlane; S/Sgt. Charles G. Klement, Cpls. John P. Connolly, Kenneth E. Garrett, Harry L. Hoskins, Peter T. Noon, and Earl M. Peterson . . . New T/5 stripes go to Edward J. Phelan . . . New Pfc. include: Raymond A. Kellin, Walter K. Prefizer, Orville H. Schmutz, Marshall W. Davidson, John A. Romagnoli, Arthur W. Roberts, Francis B. Rogers, John E. Demarais, Oliver R. Evans, John J. Swatsky, and Howard M. Landes . . . New stripes in Co. I include T/Sgts. Andrew Oreschak, Wilbur Braley, and Emmett Caldwell; S/Sgt. Charles Jenkins; new Pfc. Thomas H. Allston, Michael R. Apaliski, James Brey, John L. Buddy, Merle C. Burwell, Robert T. Emerson, Walter C. Flary, Vincent Grillo, John W. Henry, Norman B. Hooker, Rudolph Hromandik, George D. Kent, Archie LeVasseur Jr., Harold Lee, Alexander Markiewicz, Robert R. Maxia, James McKinney, Carl Mochale, Henry Mushinski, James C. Palmer, Joseph Pellicari, Richard J. Pettit, Harry T. Poncet, Stanley L. Richard, Edward Soule, Raymond J. Travers, Jack Ulrey, Charles R. Vola and David J. Best. New Cpls. include Robert Miller, Francis Clark, Edward Green and Albert Blasinger . . .

Men of Co. C are proud of their orientation and day room improvement . . . It's now second in the regimental list . . . Capt. Charles B. MacDonald, commanding Co. C, has left for school.

Pfc. James Burke and Pvt. Frank Matarese of Co. L, engaged in an exhibition bout during the 2d Bn. championships this week . . . New T/Sgt. stripes go to Percy Thompson . . .

Prov. Tng. Det.—Pvt. Paul Hagerty, Co. E, is a former undertaker from Philadelphia, but he's stepping out of character now to become attending physician for "Poochie," a little brown mutt down at Co. B who will shortly join the "stork" club . . . A company defeated B and C companies in competitive close order drill last week . . . Pvt. Thomas Beatty is now assistant steward at the 253 NCO club . . . Pvt. Hugh Maxwell (sleeping beauty to his bunkies) rolled off his bunk the other night but continued snoring right on through till reveille . . . The Tennessee yodel of Pvt. Willie Hickman is "out of this world" according to S/Sgt. Herbert Hill, who thinks it should be kept out of this world . . . Pvt. Woodrow Wilson has 14 points, like the famed president had, but our doughboy's points are leftovers from his days of civilian rationing . . . Pvt. Coolidge Farmer is as economical in his speech as his illustrious presidential namesake . . . Former farmer Pvt. Joe Evans gets itchy milking fingers every time those cows roam down the company area . . . Pvt. Salvatore LaMatta, of 17th, watches keenly the fistie career of Lake LaMatta, who's his cousin . . .

862d F A Bn.—Pfc. Omer E. Maston is now a corporal at Hq. Btry., and other men busy this week with needle and thread are T/5s Robert S. Agatston, Frank J. Masterpasqua, Earl K. Smith, and Bruce Pittery . . . Twelve EM of Hq. Btry were recently awarded Good Conduct Medals by Capt. John H. Mercer, Jr., Btry. Cmdr. The men were: S/Sgts. L. Beckwith, John J. Reilly, Sgt. Frederick Falk, Cpls. William Torick and Bernard Garfunkle, T/5 Hansel Bailey, Pfc. Wilbur Warning, Helmut Heinfurth, James E. McHugh, William C. Hurn, and John Newbury and Pvt. Edward O'Brien . . . Now living in Woodville are Sgt. and Mrs. William E. DeGraft, he's in Charlie Battery, and the missus was the former Dorothy Law, of Bermuda. They were married recently in Chapel No. 1 . . . In another recent wedding ceremony at Murray, Ky., S/Sgt. Flen A. Noyes, and Virginia Knight, both of that town, were married at the home of Miss Knight's parents . . . New Corporals in Charlie Battery are Lee E. Saxton, of Seattle, Wash., Fred Riegel, of Brooklyn, Irving R. Perine, Iron Mountain, Mich., and James Morgan of Des Moines, Iowa.

Recent promotions in Hq. Btry. included the following new corporals: Enoch Taylor, Cletus J. Campbell, William Torick and Luther Finerfrock . . . New Pfc. include William D. Boone, Jr., John J. Casper, Lawrence C. Gosman, Howard Marshal, B. L. Sherrill, and Joseph C. Volpe . . . Pfc. Clifford J. Lanterman, Hq. Btry., has returned to the battery from Station Hospital.

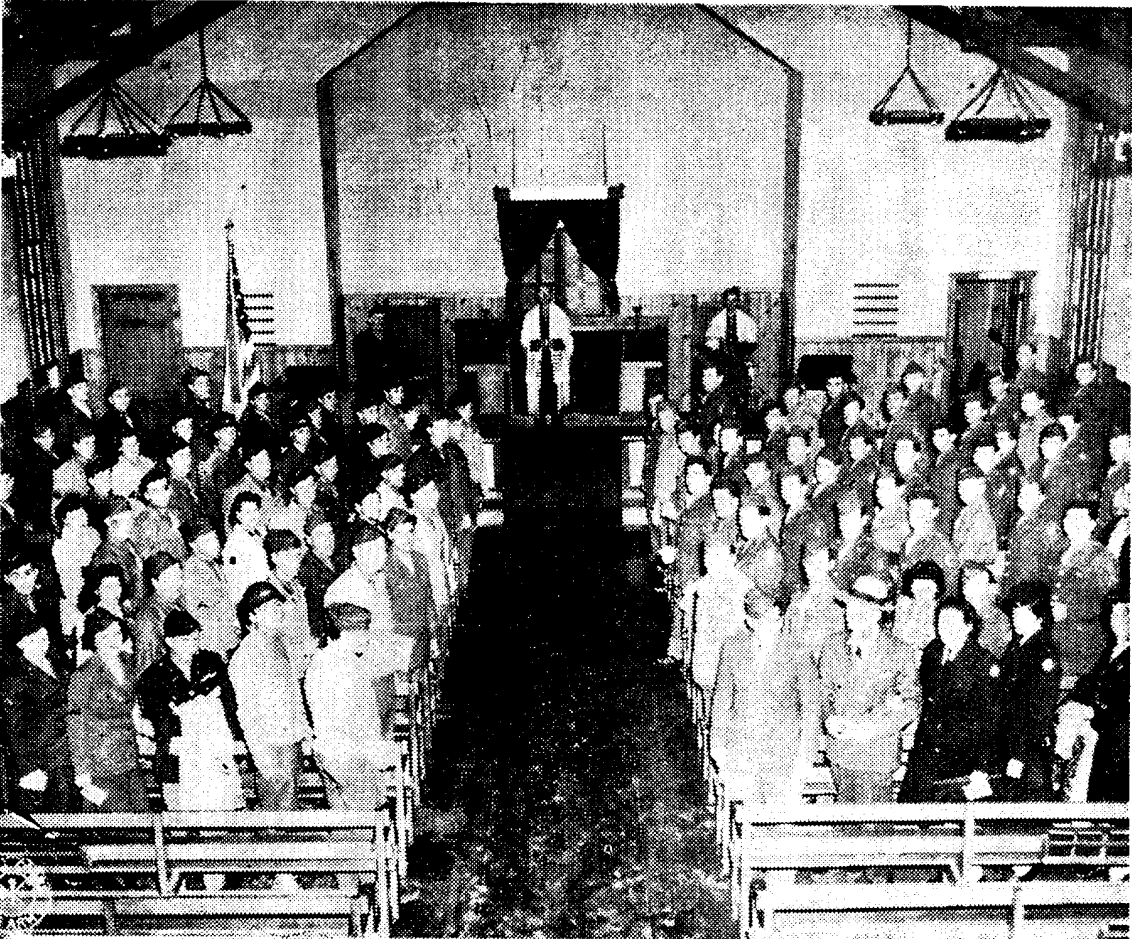
863d F. A. Bn.—It's been a happy week for Pvt. Bernard E. Laugh. His wife gave birth to a little girl at Pittsburgh, then he received his furlough in the same week . . . Cpl. Howard Brent, clerk of A. Btry., warns the men that field pay books must be in the hands of each soldier and men who haven't theirs will go pay-less when the eagle flies on pay day . . . Sgt. Albert J. Ditto, who left his gold Elgin watch at a Centreville watch repair shop a week ago to have it repaired, would like the soldier who picked it up by mistake to return it. The watch was a gift . . . Fire added excitement to the A Battery bivouac last week when the tarp covering a mess truck burned up . . . With it went the gas mask of KP Anton Preskar and the blanket roll of T/5 Alfred Birnede . . . Promotions at A Battery include: Cpls. Frank O. Lenker, Jr., James M. Whitt, and Steve Veschak; T/5s: Orval P. Henderson, Phillip J. Kornacker, John P. McIntyre, Carl A. Weiler, and Raymond S. Folkman . . .

Recent promotions in Hq. Btry., 863d F. A. Bn., include Sgt. Joseph G. Manno, Cpl. Richard H. Ladew, T/5s Leslie E. Husted, Hugh J. Moser, Frank C. Pezzanti, Joseph S. Delaney and Frederick R. Hanson. . . . Pvt. Melvin Connelly is now known as "Cookie" since his transfer to the mess section . . . T/5 Ted Lettier took his first pass from Camp Van Dorn three weeks ago, after being here four months . . . Since then he's a regular for his two nights out a week.

63d QM Co.—With the new camp bowling alleys nearing completion, the bowling team of the quartermasters are flexing their arms and getting far away looks in their eyes . . . they hold the Division championship in bowling . . . which they won at Camp Blanding, Fla. . . . S/Sgt. Tom Towey has received word of the birth of a son at Germantown, Pa. . . . Mom and the youngster are reported doing fine . . . William Beloff, recently assigned to QM Co., was formerly a physical instructor and star on Temple university's basketball team . . . he was also an intercollegiate boxing champ . . . Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Garreth observe their fourth wedding anniversary this week . . . Topkick Austin R. Hull is due to go furloughing this week in Indiana. . . . Cpl. Tom Brendgogg, capt. and ace of the QM basketball team will furlough next week, hitting the team hard . . . S/Sgt. Sid Ginsberg is the new supply sergeant . . . the welcome mat was spread out this week for S/Sgt. Frank Watson, who's the all-popular mess sergeant . . . T/4 Al De Francesco, of service platoon, is a vet of the African campaign.

255th Inf.—Officers and men of Co. E, 255th Inf., joined members of the NCO club at a buffet and dance Sunday afternoon. The party lasted from 1400 through 2300, and music was provided by the Combat Team Blue orchestra . . . Another party was held Tuesday by members of Co. A, and entertainment for the night highlighted Pvt. Bill Shumacher, of Co. I. Beer was on the house . . . Lt. Raymond P. Behm, of Cannon Co, has returned from Chicago, where he went on emergency leave to visit his ill wife . . . Lt. Orlow M. Boies, of the same company, has also returned after staying with his wife, who has been ill in Baton Rouge . . . Co. D, 255th Inf., had a company party Thursday night.

Promoted last week at Service Co., 255th Inf. are: T/5s Mordecai H. Bauman, Ernest T. Grotfend, John G. Keyburn, Austin V. Orndorf, Alex H. Seigal, Matthew Skora, and Raymond Wachter . . . New Pfc. include Elliott M. Sarger, Harold Bolton, Harold C. Rudnicki, James A. Constable and Donald J. Hall.



MOTHERS AND FATHERS will see this photo of their sons, and daughters attending Jewish services at Camp Van Dorn last Friday. Inside altar railing (left to right) are Division Chaplain William Patrick, Chaplain Aaron Kahan, who is taking the photos to New York while on leave this week, and Cantor Norman Belink.

Parents in N. Y. See Sons In Photos of Service Here

Last Friday Chaplain Aaron Kahan, 63d Div. Jewish chaplain, showed up at the regular Sabbath Eve services at Chapel No. 1 with a cameraman and lights, and took still photos of the congregation which jammed the chapel. At the Sunday morning services he arrived with motion picture equipment, and again photographed the worshippers. Tuesday night these photos will be shown in New York City, and the audience will be the mothers and fathers of the Jewish boys of the Div. from New York City and its environs. Chaplain Kahan's unique project started shortly after his arrival here in December. He made arrangements for the use of the social hall of the Central YMHA, 96th St. and Lexington Ave., New York City, for the night of February 8, and then he compiled a list of the parents of Jewish boys of the Div. who lived in the New York City area.

To each of these parents Chaplain Kahan wrote a personal note—advising them that he was looking out for the religious needs of their son, and urging them to visit him at the YMHA on February 8 when he will be on leave in New York City. At last week's Sabbath Eve services Division Chaplain William Patrick was guest, and Pvt. Norman Belink, a choir leader in civilian life, was cantor. During Chaplain Kahan's absence, Chaplain Patrick will be guest speaker at this week's Jewish services in Chapel No. 7. At the time of Chaplain Kahan's arrival, the then Division Chaplain Robert Clarke announced that it was unusual for a combat division to have a full time Jewish Chaplain, but that he had requested one because of the large number of men of that faith in the Division. A large percentage of the Division's Jewish soldiers come from the New York area.

254th Actors Give Show for Patients

The first of a series of variety shows for the entertainment of patients at Station Hospital was presented by actors representing special service of the 254th Inf., Monday night at the hospital. Similar forms of entertainment and showings of famous motion pictures will be presented from time to time at the hospital under the supervision of Lt. Lawson M. Kately, special service officer of the regiment. Monday night's program presented Pvt. Charles Cassela, vocalist who was formerly with Vincent Lopez, and the marionette's of Cpl. and Mrs. Heath. A vocal trio composed of Sgt. Bernie Evans, and Pvts. Anthony Ficka and Albert Carchio sang several songs, and Cpl. Heath, who acted as master of ceremonies, added to the night's entertainment with several hat tricks. In addition to presenting entertainment at the Station Hospital, the special service staff of the 254th has also been active in producing shows and other forms of recreational activities at Service Club No. 2.

Triple-Threat Mortarman Received Two "E" Awards

If Pfc. Warren Dubin of Co. E, 254th Inf., ever needs a blood transfusion overseas, it's highly probable that the plasma used was processed on a machine he built as a civilian. Dubin is a skilled machinist, and formerly worked for the Sharples corporation, Philadelphia, which makes the intricate centrifugals which are used to separate the plasma from other elements of blood. Similar devices made by the same concern are used aboard U. S. Navy submarines to clear oil. Dubin says he has no intention of ever getting a blood transfusion, however, for he's now a mortarman in a 60-mm. mortar platoon, and has thoroughly learned the proper use of the infantryman's weapons of war. "I've been pretty lucky," Dubin says. "I've had a chance to manufacture essential materials of war, and I've learned how to fire weapons and take care of myself, and also I've had a chance to buy some war bonds too. I feel that makes me a sort of triple-threat man. In addition to his job at Sharples, Dubin worked for the De Laval Steam Turbine Co., Trenton, and at Bendix, in Philadelphia, where he built parts for delicate aircraft instruments. For his workmanship he received two Army-Navy Efficiency "E" awards, and a special commendation from the Under Secretary of War. He was one of six

Bendix workers to receive this latter award in October, 1942. Dubin had never thought much about joining the Army, for he is married and has a son at home, and in addition, he was a much-needed toolmaker. But when Trenton's Local Board No. 8 tapped him last August he came into the Army, even though the Bendix Corporation appealed to the state selective service board to keep him.

Music of Sibelius Is Concert Theme

Music by Richard Strauss, "On the Shores of Sorrento," the Brandenburg Concerto, No. 2 in F Major by Bach, and the Fifth Symphony by Sibelius, will feature the program of recorded music at Chapel No. 6 tomorrow afternoon at 1530. The Fifth Symphony by Finland's great composer, will be the major work on the program.



SKILLED MACHINIST in civilian life, Pfc. Warren Dubin helped build the intricate machines which separate plasma from other elements of human blood. Now he is a mortarman in Co. E, 254th Inf.