



# Blood and Fire



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## 3 Soldiers Killed When Bus Collides With Trailer Truck

Funeral services were scheduled at their homes this week for three Camp Van Dorn soldiers and the wife of another who were injured fatally Friday night, February 4, in a collision between a McComb-bound bus and a lumber truck.

Twelve others, including the soldier husband of the dead woman, were injured. Two of the soldiers killed were members of the 63d Inf. Division and the other was assigned to the Station Complement.

The dead:

Pfc. Thomas E. Garner, Co. F, 253d Inf., of Dearborn, Mich.

Pfc. Frederick G. Muse, Co. G, 254th Inf., of Ashland, Ore.

Pvt. Robert Fox, Hq. Det., Sec. 1, Station Comp., of Baltimore.

Mrs. Anne Erbacher, of the Bronx, N. Y., an employe of the Post Exchange.

Listed in Station Hospital are Cpl. Thomas B. Cole, Co. C, 253d Engrs.; Pvt. Carl J. Trbacher, Co. H, 253d Inf., and Pvt. Rubin L. Smith, Hq. Det., Sec. 1, Sta. Comp.

The trailer bus, operated by Moak's Bus Lines, collided with a lumber truck four miles east of Gloster on Route 24. Laden with soldiers and their wives, many of them just beginning furloughs, it had left Camp Van Dorn at 1830.

According to Maj. J. J. Suddath, Camp Provost Marshal, the bus swerved to avoid striking a wagon and collided with the lumber truck, a tractor-trailer combination. The truck was wrecked and its cargo was strewn across the highway. The bus plunged across the road and into a ditch.

Emmett Gudding, driver of the bus, reported that he had dimmed his lights as he went down a steep hill to avoid blinding the driver of the approaching truck. He said (Continued on Page 3)

## Valentine Party Held at Club 1

Girls from Natchez, Gloster, Liberty, Woodville, Centerville and residents of the Camp were guests at a Valentine party staged at Service Club No. 1 Friday night. A large gathering of soldiers attended and danced to the music of the 253d Inf. Orchestra.

Miss Joy Gore of Natchez was chosen Queen of the Valentines by the soldiers present.

The club lounge was appropriately decorated for the occasion with hearts strung about the balconies. A large valentine with a doll in the center provided a centerpiece on the rear wall of the room.



BOOSTING the Division's War Bond drive with a vengeance is Pvt. Bernard Edelson, of A Btry., 862d F. A., who although confined to Station Hospital, is shown signing a check for the purchase of \$1,500 worth of bonds as Lt. Henriette F. Russell looks on. Pvt. Edelson purchased bonds amounting to a similar figure early this winter.

## Men of 254th Set Records With Rifle, BAR and Pistol

Men of the 254th Inf. have hung up three new records for the Blood and Fire Division, it was revealed this week when Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, commended them for high-

est scores with the M1 rifle, the Browning Automatic Rifle and the .45-cal. pistol.

Gen. Hibbs sent personal commendations to Pvt. Richard A. Dickson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., and Pfc. John F. Girvin and Eugene J. Case, both of Co. G.

Dickson fired the M1 for a score of 200 out of a possible 210.

Girvin's record with the BAR was 157 out of a possible 175.

Case made 99 out of a possible 100 per cent with the pistol.

Since their records were authenticated, both Girvin and Case have been transferred out of the Division.

### Real L-O-N-G Letter

Not long ago a Blood and Fire soldier thought he'd received a long letter when business associates sent him one some 31 feet long. His was only a "shorty" compared with the 124-foot missive Cpl. George A. Wood, 40th Field Hospital, Camp Bowie, Tex., received from friends at Cos Cob, Conn.

## Artillery Chorus Seeks Talent to Fill Vacancies

Recent shifts in personnel have caused vacancies in the Division Artillery Chorus, one of the outstanding musical organizations in the Division, with the result that there are several vacancies in the ranks of the singers.

Participation in a big United Nations Show, "Button Your Lip," and a Gay Nineties revue are in the offing. Men who can sing will have a chance to join the top voices of the Division. Lt. Richard O'Connell, Div. Arty. special service officer, is in charge of the chorus and will take names of aspirants for places in the group. Rehearsals are held at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall on Wednesday at 1600 and on Saturday.

## PTD Receives 63d Orientation Award Following Division-Wide Competition

### Natchez Plans Valentine Dance At Auditorium

A Valentine Dance for service men and women will be held at the City Auditorium in Natchez tonight. The 254th Inf. Orchestra will play for the dancing from 2030 to 2400. Members of the Natchez Military Maids will act as hostesses at the affair, which will be sponsored by the City of Natchez and the Servicemen's Center.

Men of the 254th Inf. were scheduled to visit Natchez for the week-end and to be quartered at the U. S. Army Recreation Center at Duncan Park tonight, but a change of plans necessitated the cancellation of the proposed trip.

Tomorrow afternoon servicemen and women will visit historic homes in Natchez and at 1605 the 254th Inf. Orchestra will broadcast from the Servicemen's Center. A coffee hour will be held at the Center from 1700 to 1800. Miss Jenny McLin, program superintendent, is in charge of arrangements.

### Gen. Harris Presents Scroll To Co. C for Jan- uary Display

Youngest unit in the Blood and Fire Div., Co. C of the Prov. Tng. Det. took top honors last week in the first Division-wide orientation competition.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander, in charge of the orientation program, presented an award after reviewing 105 company displays.

Although Co. C had been chosen to represent the PTD and previously had won the detachment's "orientation award of merit," Gen. Harris said he felt that the displays of A and B companies were equally meritorious.

"It's a great pleasure to present this award to the Provisional Training Detachment. It shows that the morale of this group is high and that you've done a great deal of work in a short time. I know the Division Commander feels the same way about the PTD," said Gen. Harris in making the presentation to Major Farr, who in turn handed the award to Lt. Leo Carde, commanding officer of Co. C. Lt. Carde turned the scroll over to Pvt. Raymond Judson.

The scroll, emblazoned with the Blood and Fire insignia, and suitably framed reads:

"63d Inf. Div. Orientation Award presented to the Provisional Training Detachment for their enthusiasm in arranging orientation display in this Division for the month of January 1944.

"The fighting man, who knows why he fights, is invincible in combat."

The scroll bears the signatures of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, and Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant di- (Continued on Page 8.)

### A Sad, Sad 'Tail'

"Dizzy" is a sad sack these days, just because he didn't use plain, everyday dog-sense.

The Colonel would gladly have given him a furlough—and travel time, too. But, no, he had to goof-off in his own dog-gone way for four days and now he's paying the price.

In a very, very special order handed down by Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding the 263d Engrs., Sgt. Dizzy was reduced to grade of private for his delinquent as battalion mascot.

It'll be a dog's life again, for Dizzy.

### Memorial Service Held For Staff Sgt. Johnston

Chaplain Saul Miller conducted a Battery Memorial Service Monday morning for the late S/Sgt. Frank Johnston, of 718th F. A. Bn. who died here recently. Organ music was played during the service by Pvt. R. L. Sutch, and the Division Artillery chorus sang two numbers. Chaplain Miller said that a Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in memory of Sgt. Johnston on Feb. 29 at the Chapel of Santa Barbara, Division Artillery Chapel.

## Orientation Skit Being Shown

Several showings of "Divide and Conquer," the orientation skit written by Maj. Robert K. Lieding, Division Special Service Officer, will be made next week before various units of the Division.

The skit, staged under the supervision of Sgt. Robert Peters, is presented by Special Service in various recreation halls and theaters. It tells the story of Hitler's broken promises and his rise to power by means of a large wall map of Europe on which countries victimized by Hitler are indicated in blood red.

Music and sound effects accompany the show.

## You're Right When You Write, Says 63d Chaplain

Two months after the Armistice in World War I, Chaplain William E. Patrick was stationed at Val-lendar, Germany, with the Army of Occupation, where he received a letter from a Brooklyn woman asking about her brother's death.

The man in question was in Co. K of the chaplain's own outfit, and he was very much alive.

"Are you dead?" the chaplain asked him, and showed him the letter. "When did you write home last?"

The soldier scratched his head and "allowed" it might have been "back in October." Chaplain Patrick told him to write a letter and bring it in the next day. This is what the soldier wrote:

"Dear Ma and Sis: The war is over. (He was telling them! the chaplain comments.) We've had a

long walk. (I'll say it was; it was 200 miles from the Meuse to the Rhine.) Haven't had much time to write. They still feed us too



much corned willie and goldfish, but I'm OK."

The previous spring, in Rebanne Woods, Chaplain Patrick—now Division Chaplain of the 63d—gave

a soldier some Boston newspapers. In one was an article about the supposed death of a soldier from Wakefield, Mass., who was at that moment only a few hundred yards from the chaplain. Checking up, the chaplain found the man had been writing home faithfully. His relieved family continued to receive letters written after his reported death.

"Infallibility does not reign in Washington, in spite of machine records, and mistakes may occur, although in this war fewer errors in casualty reporting come to our attention because of conservative checking," Chaplain Patrick says. "That Yankee Division soldier had eased the shock to his family by writing regularly. The 2d Div. doughboy had fallen down on the

"One important factor in morale, both in the field and at home, is the matter of writing home regularly. Your family and friends are just as eager to read your letters as you are theirs. No matter how busy or tired you are, always write home regularly."

Don't however, let your imagi-



nation work overtime, the chaplain warns:

"An officer censoring mail at St. Nazaire in December, 1917, showed us a letter which ended: 'As I write this letter, I am standing knee-deep in German blood!' St. Nazaire was 300 miles from the front, and the only Germans the soldier had seen were prisoners of war on work details, under guard.

"An orderly's letter to his brother said: 'Gee am I the lucky guy; been over the top nine times and never got hit yet!' This lad actually had been one of the detail left to guard the heavy baggage in the rear when the regiment went into battle."

Be careful of a too vivid imagination, Chaplain Patrick warns, but "write early and often; it means a lot to the home folks."



COVINGTON, Ky.—The Most Rev. Francis W. Howard, 76, Roman Catholic Bishop of Covington, died after an illness of several months.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA (CNS)—Lt. Richard Birk, of Burlingame, Calif., bailed out of his flaming plane over the shark-infested sea. Before he landed, however, a whale appeared, chasing all the sharks away. Later a Navy plane spotted him, dropped a first aid kit and sent a tug to his rescue.

NEWARK, N. J.—A youth whose wrists were too large to accommodate handcuffs was accused by police of using his extreme strength to force store doors and carry off safes. He is Emilio Guarino, 17. Police said he pushed or kicked in the doors and made off with safes weighing as much as 600 pounds with the aid of a companion.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., (CNS)—The police called Albert Jones to report that the auto stolen from him had been recovered. But when Jones went to police headquarters to pick up his car, he found it had been stolen again.

DETROIT—"Countess" Grace Buchanan-Dineen, Canadian-born Nazi spy who is the Government's principal witness against two alleged co-conspirators, told an amazing story of how a Detroit Nazi spy ring attempted to betray the United States. She and five other women have pleaded guilty. She is testifying at the trial of Dr. Fred W. Thomas, obstetrician, and Bertrand Stuart Hoffman, former merchant seaman. The "Countess" told of obtaining materials from Thomas for the manufacture of invisible ink in which she wrote letters to Germany giving information about troop and naval movements and war materials manufacture which the surgeon gave her.

GENEVA, N. Y.—Theresa Diazio went to visit Anna De Donato. She slipped and sprained her ankle. Later Miss De Donato, calling on her injured friend, slipped and broke her ankle.

SAN FRANCISCO—Conductoret Gertrude Dupree, 30, was fined \$50 for knocking down, jumping on, breaking the nose, blacking the eye and striking her motoret, Barbara Lyon, 34, with her money changer. Nickels and dimes popped all over the street as the conductoret wielded her money changer like a club, the feminine motorman said in court. The fracas followed an argument over who should change the trolley and lift the fender at the end of the street car line.

PITTSBURGH—Dr. Daniel E. Sable, for 34 years chief surgeon of the city's safety department, has resigned to enter private practice. (Continued on Page 8.)



ARCH OF STEEL under which 1st Lt. John Blair Beach, Co. I, 255th Inf., and his bride, the former Miss Alison Grant, of Palo Alto, Calif., walked following their wedding at Chapel No. 10 last Saturday, was formed by the rifles of men of Lt. Beach's company.

### CT Blue Officers To Fete Newlyweds

A reception honoring Lt. John Blair Beach, Co. I, 255th Inf., and his bride is planned at the CT Blue Officers' Club at the conclusion of their week's wedding trip.

Lt. Beach, a 1943 graduate of the United States Military Academy, and the former Miss Alison Grant, of Palo Alto, Calif., were married last Saturday in Chapel No. 10.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Howard D. Prather. Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer of CT Blue, gave the bride away. Mrs. Robert Campbell was maid of honor and Lt. Robert McCanna, 253d Inf., was best man.

Lt. and Mrs. Beach left the chapel under an arch of crossed rifles, formed by a squad of men from Lt. Beach's company.

Mrs. Beach is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Grant, of Palo Alto and Chicago. She is a graduate of Stanford University.

Lt. Beach is the son of Mrs. Alice F. Beach and the late Capt. Edward L. Beach, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. The lieutenant's brother, also an Annapolis graduate, is a lieutenant commander, commanding a submarine in the Pacific.

### GLOSTER DANCE TONIGHT

The USO at Gloster, Miss., will be the scene of a special Valentine Dance tonight. The Military Maids of Gloster will act as hostesses and an orchestra from Camp Van Dorn will play for the dancing which will start at 2030 and continue until 2330.

## OCS Quotas Are Curtailed; 19 Schools Remain Open

Although the Army's initial demand for junior officers has been met and the Officer Candidate School program has been curtailed substantially, 19 schools still are open, the War Department announced this week.

Four other schools still are operating, but are accepting no new enrollments.

More than 240,000 enrollees have been graduated from OCS in the United States and overseas since the program got under way in September, 1941. The peak of the program was reached in December, 1942, when more than 23,000 candidates were graduated.

### Number Decreased

Since that time the number has decreased until the estimated total for January, 1944, was between 2,500 and 3,000.

Almost 15,000 men have been returned from overseas to attend domestic officer schools, and four OCS were established overseas and have accounted for approximately 2,500 graduates to date. Of these four, only the one in Australia remains open.

Theater commanders also have been authorized to appoint commissioned officers from other sources, and more than 10,000 men had been commissioned through

last November from the ranks of enlisted men, warrant officers and flight officers and from civilian life.

Some of these appointments were made in recognition of leadership and ability in combat operations. Others were made for specialized skill in military occupations.

### Seven Closed

Similarly, leadership and skills were recognized in this country by the appointment to date of almost 14,000 commissioned officers from sources other than OCS and exclusive of civilians. Approximately 9,000 enlisted men were included in this total.

The seven schools which have suspended operations are: Adjutant General, Ft. Washington, Md.; Quartermaster, Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo.; Medical Administration, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and four Army Administration schools, at Fargo, N. D.; Grinnell, Ia.; Gainesville, Fla., and Ft. Washington, Md.

The four schools which accept no more candidates are Cavalry, at Ft. Riley, Kan.; Harbor Defense, Coast Artillery, at Ft. Monroe, Va.; Tank Destroyer, at Camp Hood, Tex., and Anti-Aircraft, Coast Artillery, at Camp Davis, N. C.

## Mine, Booby Trap Course Given All Division Units

Proceeding on the theory that "you can't know too much," officers and NCOs of the 63d Inf. Div. participated last week in a special mine and booby trap course given by specially trained personnel.

"Although it is the responsibility of the engineers to lay their own mine field and neutralize those of the enemy, it will be to the advantage of every outfit in the Division to have at least one platoon proficient in this phase of defensive warfare," said Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commander of the 263d Engrs., who supervised the instruction.

Nearly 200 representatives of every company and battery in the Division received instruction in the installation and breaching of mine fields and in removal of booby traps. Two night problems, necessitating the breaching of mine fields under cover of darkness, featured the program.

That units other than the engineers know how to handle these problems was demonstrated by the fact that many of the instructors were infantry officers, although for all classes the demonstration team comprised men of Co. B, 263d Engrs. Commanded by Lt. Gustave S. Luffel, this unit also furnished all supplies.

Capt. Robert C. Stuart, commanding AT Co., 255th Inf., was executive officer and S-3 of the school. He and other instructors had attended a special course at Camp Swift, Tex.

Other members of the staff were Capt. Warren Kirkland, 243d Inf., who gave instruction in Allied mines and the laying of hasty and deliberate mine fields; Capt. Robert A. Gelwick, who discussed road blocks and mine reconnaissance; Lt. Phill C. Wood, 263d Engrs., installation and removal of booby traps and use of demolitions in breaching mine fields; Lt. Max E. Cary, 253d Inf., mine detectors; Lt. Ray H. Crosby, 253d Inf.; Lt. Robert F. Fairbrent, 255th Inf. and Lts. Ernest B. Oakes, Monroe Anderson and Richard J. Newman, all of the 254th Inf.

### Curtains Going Up!

CT White's determination to have the most attractive recreation hall in the 63d Division area is being furthered by members of a sewing circle.

When Col. Joseph Warren, commanding officer of the 254th Inf., suggested window curtains as a means of enhancing the appearance of the building, Mrs. Leslie Heath, wife of Cpl. Leslie Heath of the CT White athletic and recreation staff, formed a work group composed of wives of soldiers in the regiment.

The results of their efforts are being eagerly awaited by recreation "regulars" seeking that home-like atmosphere.

## Division Vehicles Get Good Ratings

Units of the 63d Inf. Div. underwent an inspection of automotive personnel and equipment by representatives of the 4th Army this week with "very favorable" results, it was reported Friday by Capt. James B. Huggins, of Division Ordnance.

Other 4th Army officers were scheduled to arrive Friday to inspect automotive equipment and probably to perform a technical spot check on vehicles.

"Only the first round is over," Capt. Huggins cautioned motor personnel. "Although we believe that the vehicles within the Division will stand up under inspection—showing evidence of your preventive maintenance work—it is our belief that if all the common deficiencies are corrected on your vehicles, the total of deficiencies will drop off at least 75 per cent."

Outstanding deficiencies taken from records of spot checks were listed by Capt. Huggins, in order of most frequent occurrence, as follows: lubrication levels, loose bolts, battery cleanliness, defective lights, ignition and spark plug gap adjustment, missing governor and voltage regulator seals, incomplete vehicle marking, tire pressure.

### Pinch Me, Percival! It's Breakfast in Bed

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., (CNS)—Members of Co. B, 27th Tank Bn., were awakened the other morning by the musical tinkle of a tiny silver bell. While they stirred drowsily, a mess attendant appeared.

"Here's the menu," the attendant said. "Won't you order your breakfast in bed?"

The dog-faced boys gaped in amazement, but it wasn't a gag. Their commander, Capt. Kenneth F. Maxey, Jr., had ordered breakfast in bed for the company because of its fine showing in recent individual gun crew tests.

### National League Pitching To Be Hard Hit by Draft

Latest big leaguers facing induction include: Johnny Vander Meer, Cincinnati Reds' ace fireball pitcher; Van Lingle Mungo, of the New York Giants; Martin Marion, the St. Louis Cardinals' star shortstop; Johnny McCarthy of the Boston Braves; Billy Herman, Brooklyn Dodgers' top hitter and field leader; Mickey Rocco of the Cleveland Indians, and Vern Kennedy, veteran Cleveland pitcher.

### Too Young to Fly, Holds Sergeant DFC

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—Sgt. Thomas Kincaid, who has more than 300 hours of combat flying to his credit, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with a silver and four bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and has been in the AAF since January, 1942, is going home—just because he's too young.

Sgt. Kincaid, who is 16, has been stationed at the Army Air Base here since his return from North Africa several months ago. Appressed of his discharge, he said he would reenlist as an aviation cadet—"when I'm 17."

### Reclining Bugler Now Stands Upright

HAWAII (CNS)—Bugler Nick Masucci sawed a hole through the wall next to his bunk and for three or four mornings sounded reveille through it while nestling snugly in bed. One morning, however, the CO checked up. Masucci now toots his horn from the standing position.

### Bugler's Face Was Red But Not From Tooting

CAMP ADAIR, Calif.—One bugler in this camp had a flushed face as the result of a mistake he made in time calculation. Aroused one foggy morning he plodded sleepily along toward the parade grounds. A glance at his watch revealed he was 20 minutes late so he sounded reveille in front of the barracks. Lights flashed on, then off again. Reveille had been blown an hour too early.

### The Wolf

by Sansone



# Tiny Planes Help Make Allied Guns Deadly Accurate

Allied artillery fire in this war has been the most devastating in military history. One of many reasons, aside from the development of improved ordnance, has been the utilization of tiny aircraft for direction of fire.

Blood and Fire Division soldiers are familiar with the type. They fly the skies over Camp Van Dorn daily co-ordinating the work of Div. Arty. batteries.

**Peacetime Adaptation**  
The craft used by the 63d Div. are not a new development. They are the military adaptation of a peace-time civilian favorite.

And, to Allied infantry slogging through Italy, they are the same familiar little monoplane which won the affection of the doughboys in North Africa and Italy. On all these fronts they have directed the fire of Allied artillery clearing the way for advancing tanks and troops.

This method is a far cry from the cumbersome observation and barrage balloons of World War I. Our planes, like the RAF's "Flying Flea" and "Buzzer," skim low over the battle areas at speeds of from 65 to 70 mph, spotting enemy troop and material concentrations and sending the range back to the artillery by short-wave radio similar to the infantry's "walkie-talkie."

**Difficult Targets**  
Flying close to the ground as they do, somewhere between 500 and 600 feet, the planes are difficult targets for enemy craft flashing by thousands of feet overhead at speeds of 300 to 400 mph. Even if spotted, they can usually be landed and hidden by the time the enemy can turn around and come in for a kill.

Although these planes closely resemble their peacetime counterparts, several changes have been made for the sake of military efficiency. Breaking the clean lines of the top of the fuselage on many of the planes used overseas, is a transparent blister through which the observer can see in all directions. The Piper Cubs used in the Division differ in this respect. They are small cabin jobs.

The planes are unarmed, relying on their maneuverability for protection. If one is destroyed, the monetary loss is only a fraction of the cost of a modern observation balloon.

## Special Service Show at Club 2

Service Club No. 2 was the scene of a variety show presented by Division Special Service personnel, and a concert by the 254th Inf. orchestra led by Pvt. Edward Bland, last Tuesday night.

Pvt. Arnold Spector was master of ceremonies introducing Cpl. Joseph Pollock who presented impersonations of famous people: Pfc. Gilbert Vitale, prestidigitator; Pfc. Harry Dutterer of the 254th Inf., a singer of popular songs, and Pvt. Paul Taubman, one of the Division's outstanding pianists and organists.

Last night the Special Service troupe presented a number of skits at Station Hospital where a Valentine dance was staged.

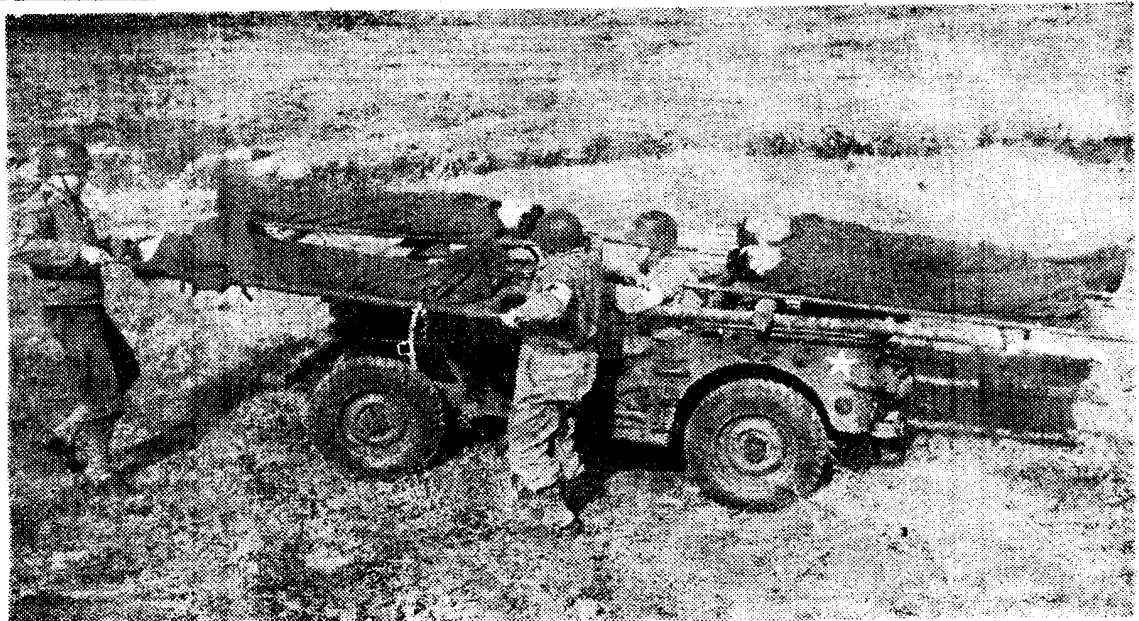
## 253d Entertains Girls From Four Communities

Special Units of the 253d Inf. staged a party and dance last Friday night at the CT Red Rec. Hall. Guests of the soldiers were 200 members of the Military Maids from Natchez, Gloster, Woodville and Centreville.

A buffet supper was served during the course of the evening and the 253d orchestra provided the music for the dancing. Pfc. Ralph Cerasuolo, the band's leader and violinist, and Pfc. Johnny Abate, guitarist, teamed to present several hot duets.

The rec hall was decorated with GI cartoons, the work of Pvt. Howard Connelly, who in civilian life was a leading commercial artist.

Secretary of the Navy Knox said recently he believes every American boy should have at least one year of military training when he reaches the age of 17 and 18.



AMBULANCE JEEP is this vehicle of 253d Med. Det. which is shown in emergency service as an ambulance during training demonstration. Shown above are four "casualties," lying in litters resting on logs laid across the fore and aft sections of the all-American Army vehicle. The aid crew includes (left to right) Pvt. Lloyd William, Cpl. Jay G. Koons, and Pvt. George White.

## Medics Turn Jeep Into an Ambulance

Medics of the 253d Inf. are becoming as adept with the ax as with adhesive tape; as practiced in woodcraft as in first aid.

This week they demonstrated they could transform a jeep into an emergency ambulance in scarcely more time than it takes to hand you a box of aspirin. Their tools are an ax, six saplings and a few canvas belts.

Down go the top and windshield as the jeep is driven into the area of battle casualties. With the ax which is strapped to the body of the vehicle, two long saplings are cut and laid lengthwise on the jeep. Others are strapped crosswise with web belts. Four litters can be laid atop the hasty framework. The whole operation takes 10 minutes.

"Two medical soldiers require a half hour to carry a soldier 500 yards under fire," explained Maj. Eli J. Stern, commanding the medical detachment. "With the converted jeep we can bring 10 to 15 wounded men to medical attention in the time it would take to carry one soldier by hand-borne litter."

"It's rough, tough going, carrying a 150-pound man 500 yards in battle. Medics, of course, are unarmed, but they still are targets for bullets and shells. Loaded with wounded, the jeep can travel cross-country at 10 miles an hour. On the road it can go 60 miles an hour."

Lt. Ray W. Croyle is in charge of the "jeep ambulance" maneuvers.

## Religious Services

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 0900.  
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 19, 0900.  
Chapel No. 5, 5, 8, 19, 1000.  
Chapel No. 7, 1100.  
Chapel No. 5, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1100.  
Chapel No. 8, Lutheran Service, 1100.  
Sunday Afternoon and Evening  
Chapel No. 6, Concert Hour, 1530.  
Chapel No. 5, 1815.

**Weekday Services**  
Chapel No. 6, 1930 Thursday, Bible Hour.  
Chapel No. 7, 1930 Thursday, Bible Choir Rehearsal.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 5, 10, 0900.  
Theater No. 5, 0900.  
Theater No. 1, 1030.

**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.  
Chapel No. 5, Confessions, Saturday, 1830-2000.  
Chapel No. 10, Confessions, Saturday, 1900-2100.

**JEWISH SERVICES**  
Friday  
Station Hospital, 1845.  
Chapel No. 7, 2000.

**MORMON SERVICE**  
Chapel No. 7, 1000.

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

Great Lakes shipping in 1943 delivered more than 45 million tons of coal, 84 million tons of ore and 184 million bushels of food grain, in spite of bad weather and manpower shortages.

## China's Rise to Big Four Is Orientation Subject

How China emerged from a disintegrated state, the prey of Japan and many western powers, to become one of the Big Four of the United Nations was described to men of the 254th Inf. Monday at the fourth of the "Town Hall" orientation meetings at CT White Rec. Hall.

Lt. George S. Hoar, regimental orientation officer, introduced the speaker, and Pfc. Douwe Stuurman, former Rhodes scholar and professor of philosophy at California State College, was moderator.

Stuurman indicated that China had been denied equal treatment by the world powers.

"The Chinese people know they are fighting for unity and independence," he said. "It would be up to Britain and the United States in particular to assure China's place among the free nations."

**Economic Aspects**  
Discussing the country's economic aspects, Pfc. Samuel Clark, former professor of history at Brown University, pointed out that although China proper is about two-thirds the size of the United States, it has a population of 450,000,000, more than three times as great as this country.

The Japanese have overrun the northern and eastern provinces, containing 120,000,000 inhabitants.

## Three Soldiers Killed In Bus-Truck Accident

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the wagon, traveling partly on the pavement and partly on the shoulder, was unlighted and he had to swerve the bus sharply when he saw the wagon at the bottom of the hill. The bus and truck were nearly abreast by this time.

The bodies of the three soldiers were sent to their homes under military escort for private funeral services.

Clark pointed out. Although they have taken only one-eighth of China's territory, they now control 90 per cent of its economic wealth, especially the great seaports and industrial centers.

Poverty, hunger and disease are a great deterrent to an effective war effort, he said.

How China's vast army of 5,000,000 soldiers is incapable of whipping the Japs chiefly because of lack of equipment was told by T/S Nathan Guttman, formerly associated with the National Labor Committee for Palestine.

**Tells of U. S. Aid**  
"The Chinese military problem was complicated by two simultaneous civil wars," he said. "Fortunately, some semblance of unity was achieved by 1937, when the Japs poured through the Great Wall near Peiping and also struck at Shanghai."

He told of American aid, the reforming of the Chinese air force in 1932, the arrival of the "Flying Tigers" in 1937, the building of the Burma Road and the present effort to replace it with the Ledo Road.

"The recent Cairo conference included plans for regrouping Chinese forces," Guttman said. "With Allied troops under Lord Mountbatten, this will make 1944 the year of a great land offensive against Japan."

The complicated political tangle of China was discussed by Pfc. Gino Bardi, anti-fascist editor and lecturer. He pointed to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, author of the famous "Three Principles" of national independence, democracy and improvement of the people's welfare, as the combined Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin of his country.

Bardi characterized Chiang as a man who might become a Chinese George Washington, but commented that the generalissimo ruthlessly persecuted his left-wing opponents, delaying an all-out effort to beat the external foe, Japan.

## 63d Variety Show Presented as Part Of USO Program

Helping to celebrate the third anniversary of the founding of the United Service Organizations, musicians and actors of Division Special Service presented a variety show at the Baton Rouge USO clubhouse last Saturday night.

The Baton Rouge unit staged a three-day program in which fliers from Harding Field and Camp Van Dorn participated in addition to civic organizations. The program ended on Sunday.

With Pvt. Arnold Spector as master of ceremonies the Division delegation presented a program consisting of songs, piano selections, comedy and feats of legerdemain.

Cpl. Elias Masser of the 363d Med. Bn. mystified the audience with feats of magic and topped this performance with one of ventriloquism which made a big hit with the audience.

Pfc. Frank Reichart, former opera baritone, sang "I'm Falling in Love With Someone," and "Song of Songs." Cpl. William Federer was heard in the rousing sea chanty, "Captain Mac" and "The Road to Mandalay."

The efforts of Pvt. Paul Taubman, former New York radio musician, were greeted with loud applause when he played two piano selections, Tschalkovsky's Concerto, "Tonight We Love," and "Begin the Beguine."

A swing trio composed of Pvts. Mike Bryan, guitarist; Nunzio Bucalo, clarinetist; and Taubman on the piano, had the audience tapping its collective feet with several hot rhythms.

Pvt. Spector sang "Water Boy," and the song of the fool from the "Bartered Bride." He ended the show on a note of comedy when he appeared dressed as a child and sang "Sonny Boy."

## Theater Schedules

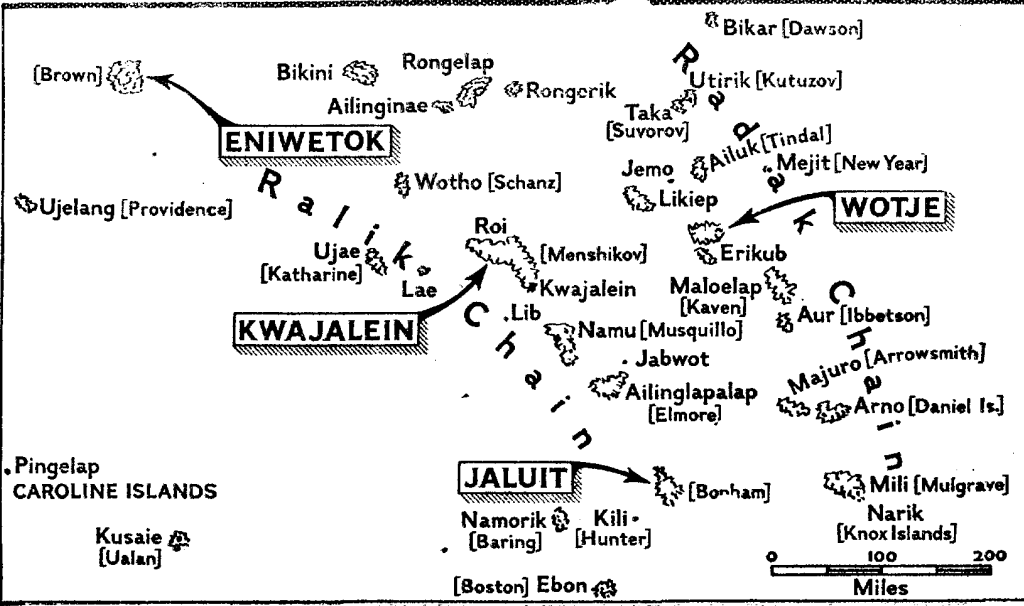
**THEATERS NOS. 1 & 2**  
Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810

- Feb. 12—"Prisco Kid," with James Cagney, Margaret Lindsay and Ricardo Cortez.
- 13-14—"Broadway Rhythm," with George Murphy, Ginny Simms, Lena Horne, and Tommy Dorsey and orchestra.
- 15—"Hey Rookie," with Ann Miller, Joe Besser, and Larry Parks.
- 16-17—"In Our Time," with Ida Lupino, Paul Henreid and Mary Boland.
- 18-19—"The Imposter," with Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew and Richard Whorf.

**THEATER NO. 3**  
Starting Time—1745

- Feb. 13—"Phantom Lady," with Françoise Tonn, and Ella Raines.
- 14—"Prisco Kid," with James Cagney, Margaret Lindsay and Ricardo Cortez.
- 15-16—"Broadway Rhythm," with George Murphy, Ginny Simms, Lena Horne, and Tommy Dorsey and orchestra.
- 17—"Hey Rookie," with Ann Miller, Joe Besser, and Larry Parks.
- 18-19—"In Our Time," with Ida Lupino, Paul Henreid and Mary Boland.

A new motion picture camera operates at 8,000 "winks" a second—160 times as fast as the wink of the human eye.



MARSHALL ISLANDS—Thirty-two atolls and 800 reefs in two parallel chains make up the Marshall islands. Like coral beads they fringe lagoons, one of which is 90 miles long and 20 miles wide. Nowhere do they rise more than 40 feet above the sea. Prewar population was about 10,000 with nearly 500 Japanese. Coconuts, breadfruit, bananas, taro and fish are the islanders' main food and trade items. Map shows clearly the island chains—Ralik and Radak—and the main land spots of the group—Jaliut, Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Wotje.

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## EDITORIAL

### DEATH TAKES NO HOLIDAY

Careful and safe driving methods are useful points of education on which the National Safety Council yearly spends hundreds of thousands of dollars. There are campaigns and posters and many columns of free newspaper publicity devoted to this cause. Numerous papers throughout the country devote editorial space to aid the safety drive.

We in the Army might, in the wartime spirit of recklessness, be less prone to heed the advice we considered good as civilians. We might abandon our ordinary caution. But remember, the result will be the same—there will be injury and death on the roads and in the bivouac areas.

Annually there are more people killed on the highways than on the battlefield. A life is a life whether it belongs to a civilian or an Army man. And, drivers, that life in the Army is necessary to the winning of the war. You can't fight a battle with dead men.

Drive with caution and a proper respect for your fellow man. Heed the regulations. While in the field at night never drive through a bivouac area unless preceded by a dismounted guide. Above all, keep in mind the consequences of recklessness.

In the oft quoted words of the National Safety Council:

"Death takes no holiday."

### PLAYING FIELDS OF ETON

Two articles submitted to BLOOD AND FIRE by company reporters the other day fairly cried out for editorial comment.

In substance, there was no relationship between them. One dealt with an artillery unit's experiences on a tactical problem, the other with a basketball game. Yet there was a relationship between these items as surely as that night follows day.

The artillery story marveled at the limits to which human physical endurance can be strained on a two-day problem of wrestling big guns through the mud and creeping and crawling through dripping grass and brush. The other told how a group of soldiers, tired after a day of training, managed to draw on some unsuspected reserve of strength to come from 'way behind and nearly win a fast, rough game with a collegiate team.

The observer of the artillery problem wondered how and why men stretch their physical endurance so far. Seeing other men in a basketball game pull from somewhere that last, but necessary, ounce of strength and will to win should have given him the answer. He could have found it, too, at Cassino, around Cisterna and on Bougainville.

It has been said the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. Twisting that expression, it can be said that a lot of the final push needed to win both basketball games and battles is made possible on the ranges and training fields of the 63d Division.

## Morning Report

## News from Here and There

### Ex-'Flying Tiger' Ace Routs 30 Nazi Planes

LONDON (CNS)—Maj. James H. Howard is America's first air-hero veteran of both the Atlantic and Pacific wars. Maj. Howard, who once fought with the famed "Flying Tigers" in China, recently out-fought 30 Nazi fighters for half an hour over Oehersleben to protect a formation of Flying Fortresses on a bombing mission. He was officially credited with two German planes destroyed, two probables and one damaged. The rest fled.

### Army Develops New Killers for Cooties

ENGLAND (CNS)—American soldiers preparing for the forthcoming Second Front invasion of Europe are undergoing an intensive instructional program on how to avoid typhus-spreading lice.

A new powder and an insect-killing gas have been developed which are expected to kill lice and also the eggs they lay in clothing. These new measures of protection are faster, simpler and more comforting than the old ones.

### Soldier's Son Born In Army Hospital

CAMP SHANKS, N. Y. (CNS)—Mrs. Adam Gatskie arrived from Erie, Pa., to visit her husband, a sergeant stationed here, who was ill in the camp hospital. She saw him and departed, but returned soon afterward, looking worried. "I'm going to have a baby," she said.

Acting quickly, Capt. Arthur Rothman, surgical officer of the day, arranged facilities for Mrs. Gatskie and at 2:12 the next morning the baby, a boy, was delivered. His nickname—"Johnny Shanks."

### Tree in Wrong Spot, Yanks Get Jap Mortar

SUVA, Fiji—A Fiji scout who could give soldier scouts some pointers saved an American reconnaissance force on a recent foray in the Solomons. Inching up a river, the Americans ran into deadly mortar fire. Even through field glasses the enemy battery could not be detected.

Then the Fijian scout pointed to a cluster of trees on a hillside. "It's the first time I've ever seen that kind of tree growing anywhere but beside the water," he said.

Fire was concentrated on the trees and out popped a Japanese mortar crew, which had taken great pains—but not great enough—with its camouflage.

### Miscellany of Articles On Shelf Stuns Sergeant

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldberg, Co. I, 253d Inf., made a recent inventory of the equipment on his shelves, in his footlocker and barracks bags. Now he lays claim to being the 63d Division's "most equipped" GI collector.

He found a grand total of 508 GI and personal possessions.

Among them were: 30 moth balls, 1 mezuzah—(a tiny portion of the Holy writ inscribed in Hebrew), 6 pass blanks, 1 spider web—on his shelf, 4 10-penny nails, 15 packages of razor blades, and 1 salt water taffy box—empty.

### New York Mayor Pals Again With Bomber Ace

NEW YORK (CNS)—All's well, now, with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and Lt. Jack Watson, who incurred the mayor's wrath last fall when he zoomed his Flying Fortress over Yankee Stadium during a World Series game.

Lt. Watson recently brought his battered B-17 bomber back home to its base in England after a strong Nazi attack had forced him to order the entire crew to bail out. When apprised of this news Mayor LaGuardia immediately informed Watson that "all is forgiven."

### With \$75 Teeth, Old Salt Starts Recruiting Drive

LOS ANGELES—Chief Boat-swain's Mate George Sanderson, at 82, the oldest man in both age and service in the nation's armed forces, is off on a one-man recruiting campaign. The weather-beaten salt was accompanied by his \$75 set of store teeth, bought especially last year so he could return to the Navy, but now inserted only when pictures are to be taken.

### Russian Scientist Has New Wound Serum

MOSCOW (CNS)—Prof. Alexander A. Bogimoletz, president of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, has discovered a remarkable serum for the treatment of war injuries, it was disclosed here.

Prof. Bogimoletz said that the serum, which is obtained by repeated injection into horses of the cell elements of the spleen and bone marrow taken from human corpses, has been tried on thousands of patients and has hastened the healing of wounds and the knitting of fractures. It also may be useful in preventing the recurrence of a cancer that has been removed, he said.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Joseph J. Durney  
(255th Inf.)

As Americans we are greatly concerned that justice be rendered to all. If we see the "little fellow" being stepped on, we like to interfere and assert that injustice is being done. If we borrow money we feel it a duty to repay it. When we go to war, we go out to battle for the rights of our fellow men. In other words, we've all been reared in an atmosphere of justice and rights—except in one respect: We forget so easily that our Creator has certain rights in justice over us.

There are but few athiests—men who assert they do not believe in a supreme being—among us. Almost all of us claim that we believe there is a God. "Only a fool says in his heart there is no God."

In our hearts we admit the truth of His existence, but by our actions we show that we forget that the Creator has certain rights over us. In our hearts we want to be just to God, but by our actions we show that we are blind to justice as far as He is concerned.

Since we are all creatures of Almighty God, as creator He has the right to demand of us whatever He wills. He doesn't will that we do much for Him, but what little He does demand, we ignore.

As far as we are concerned He has no right to demand public worship and the observance of these stupid commandments which curtail our freedom. Could you tell Him that to His face? I think not. Just render to God the bit that is coming to Him—that is one of your duties in life.

## G. I. Jingles

### REMEMBER US

Little known, misunderstood,  
Always griping, bad or good,  
Ahead of the troops without sound  
We advance bound on bound.

In snooping and spying we show all  
That we are strictly on the ball.  
While you enjoy a night of rest  
We do our job with zeal and zest.

We scout and patrol with watchful eye  
As rainy nights are passing by.  
We read the maps, we find the way  
Where later on your camp may lay.

And if the ground is muddy or rough,  
And if the going is hard and tough,  
Then our actions are all the holder,  
For every man's a combat soldier.

The training is hard and the rests are few,  
Hundreds of things we learn to do,  
The goal is far, the price is high,  
We'll reach that goal by and by.

Until in combat you will say,  
"You've saved us many a day,  
You've given all of us a lift  
The I and R, 255th."

—By Cpl. Garry A. Barich,  
Hq. & Hq. Co., 255th Inf.

### WILL KEEP ON TRYING

At a recent Red Cross conference in New York, Richard F. Allen, vice president of that organization, said that with approval of the Army and Navy, the Red Cross would persevere in its efforts to send relief supplies to Americans who are prisoners of war of the Japanese.

This would be done, despite the numerous rebuffs already met with, he said. He admitted there was not much hope now that the Red Cross could get supplies to these prisoners, but he said the Red Cross is determined to keep on trying, so long as there is any remote chance of success.

This assurance is welcomed. We feel sure this Red Cross spirit reflects public sentiment. However baffling and discouraging are our efforts, we must never give up our efforts to make contact with our American prisoners of war, and to supply them the simple food and medicine that might save the lives of hundreds of them. Even though our chances for doing this are so slim as to appear utterly impossible, as the old saying goes as long as there is life there is hope. Clinging to that we can keep on working and hoping.

Only medium of contact so far as we know is the Red Cross, working through the neutral countries, and the International organization. There are few neutrals left, and we know how hard it is to make progress with the Japanese in this respect. But too much is at stake to give up. If even a few thousand packages get through, these might save lives, and sustain hope, pending the day of liberation.

Just what new steps the Red Cross may plan we do not know. But it is vastly reassuring to know that with the approval of the Army and Navy it will keep on trying.

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Nineteen men of Div. Hq. have been promoted in recent orders. Moved up from T/5 to T/4 were Vincent J. DeStefano, G-4 Sec.; Anthony J. DiBaggio, Inspector General Sec., and Arthur M. Christiansen, G-2 Sec. Advanced from Pfc. to corporal were Joseph V. Summers, G-4 Sec., and Walter Kerr, G-2 Sec. From Pfc. to T/5 went Joseph W. Druzisky, Chemical Warfare Sec.; James P. McCabe and William G. Craven, G-4 Sec.; Carlton Blake, Judge Advocate Sec.; Charles J. Gallagher, Adjutant General's Office; Henry A. Gardner, Inspector General's Office; Edward T. Finnigan, Division Chaplain's Office; Clarence E. Douglas, Asst. Div. Commander's Office, and William F. Polard, Chief of Staff Sec. Five men who earned their first stripe were Sidney W. Andrews, Chemical Warfare Sec.; Herbert L. Gibson, G-4 Sec.; James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec., and Elmer L. Ambrose and Michael J. D'Orazio, both of the Adjutant General's Office. . . . Promotion to staff sergeant of Sgt. Gilbert C. Oliver, leader of the Defense Plat. of Div. Hq. Co., was announced this week. Sgt. Oliver is the man who, in January, tied the Division record with a score of 192 on the carbine. . . . Other promotions in Div. Hq. Co., include that of Pfc. Alphonse MacKay to corporal and the following privates to Pfc.: Carl J. Voegeli, John S. Fleming, Cortland L. Kuehnert, Frank A. Sacina, Travis L. Tarbutton, Harris J. King and Jackson W. Piercy.

63d QM Co.—A bulky but interesting hobby is that of Pvt. Jack Mirman, who collects automobile license plates from all over the nation. . . . The two QM mascots, a pup and his mother named Dubbin and Yank, will bark and run after any man in civilian clothes, but are calm and friendly to soldiers. . . . Several members of this organization are attending Tire School to learn how to prolong the life of vehicle rubber.

253d Inf.—In a cold drizzle men of Co. B dug fiercely in their foxholes to keep warm. Pvt. Walter Kirk was up to his knees in water. His loud griping attracted the attention of Lt. George R. McChesney. "How's your morale, soldier?" the lieutenant smiled. "I'm digging for it, sir," came the sad answer. . . . Lt. Wilson R. Davis, Co. A, has been promoted to first lieutenant. . . . Pvt. Fred A. Koszalka, Co. A reporter for BLOOD AND FIRE, is preparing material for an original play, "Queen of Battles," dealing with basic training in an infantry camp. He is seeking interesting incidents with a humorous twist and offers a month's supply of tickets to the camp theaters to the GI submitting the best incidents to be incorporated into the play. . . . Pfc. Phil Cianfro, Co. A, takes at least 12 showers a week, because he gets a carton of soap every few weeks from the soap manufacturers for whom he used to work, and he feels it his duty to show his appreciation by using it up.

254th Inf.—Nine men of Co. G were named in recent promotion orders. They were John Mogus and John Agogino, from staff sergeant to technical sergeant; Allen Hammett from sergeant to staff sergeant; Thomas J. Casey and Thomas P. Fitzgerald, from corporal to sergeant, and Pfc. Max Segal, Kenneth Mancini, Elmer Schiemann and Cecil Rattleph to corporal. . . . Seven sergeants in Co. F have added rockers to their chevrons. The new technical sergeants are Nelson C. Lawhorn, Leslie L. Isley, Herman Throgmorton and Leonard H. Eliff. New staff sergeants are Chester R. Mattox, Theodore J. Dulchinos and Michael Prehoda. . . . In Serv. Co., S/Sgt. Martin Blum, of the regimental personnel office, has been promoted to technical sergeant. . . . Recent promotions in Co. L raised Daniel Marcone and Edward Kelly to staff sergeant and John Lengyel to sergeant. . . . Pfc. Harry S. Alexander, Co. K, returned from furlough a married man. The wedding was January 26. . . . New Pfc. in Co. K are Moy F. Gee, Waldo A. Shernon, Norman Nevitt, Louis Rittberg and Homer S. Davison. . . . Co. Q promotions from staff to technical sergeant are those of Henry O. Homann, Edward C. Balcavage, William F. Gray and Eugene W. Wierzgacz; from sergeant to staff sergeant go Michael A. Dolhun, Edward W. Diehl, Arge M. Emory and Victor P. Fill. . . . Pvt. Andrew A. Paconsky has been appointed assistant bugler in Co. C and, on completion of schooling, will accompany Bugler Pvt. Frederick G. Gilchrist.

255th Inf.—A certificate of merit has been awarded Co. I by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, CT Blue commander, for the best orientation display in the regiment during January. Co. I was adjudged best in the 3d Bn., Co. G in the 2d Bn., Co. B in the 1st Bn. and Serv. Co., in Spec. Units. The certificate was drawn up by Pfc. Raymond Valente, Serv. Co. Lt. Ralph B. Bond is combat team orientation officer.

Hq. Div. Arty.—M/Sgt. Arnie Dennis, Hq. Btry., claims that though other babies may have been born earlier this year than his 7 1/2-pound girl born Jan. 12, none could be prettier.

718th F. A.—Lt. Edward Calver is acting commander of Btry. A while Capt. Charles Hayslett convalesces from an operation. . . . Despite the transfer of several men to infantry regiments, Btry. A's three-day field problem was carried out successfully, though a number of men were filling new and unfamiliar positions. . . . S/Sgt. Charles Shockley will be acting first sergeant on field problems in Btry. A. . . . Pvt. Willard Pugh, Btry. A, celebrated 29 doubly. He threw a twenty-ninth birthday party January 29 at the NCO club.

861st F. A.—Recent promotions in the battalion went to Lts. John C. Dove and Wayne A. Thompson when they received their captaincies. Capt. Thompson commands Btry. A and Capt. Dove Btry. C. Both officers have been with the Division since its activation.

862d F. A.—A son was born Jan. 3 to Mrs. Harry W. Satterfield, of Shinnston, W. Va., wife of a private in Btry. A. . . . Recent promotions in Btry. A include the following: To corporal—Albert G. Bowman, Edward C. Bragg, Joseph H. Buckley, Kenneth W. Hughes; Saul B. Newton and Paul Ricken; to T/5: Aca A. Hohimen and John P. O'Reilly; to Pfc.: Gerald W. Bonthron, Charles H. Byrne, Norman E. Cady, John A. Carnahan, Arthur F. Connelly, Paul F. Garatva, Jr., Max Goldstein, George W. Hall, Robert W. Higgins, Elmer S. House, Serge H. Jacob, James D. Kill-

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## 253d Band Plays For Dance, Radio Show at Natchez

Men of the 253d Inf. played prominent parts in the activities for men and women of the armed forces at Natchez over the past weekend. The regimental orchestra led by Pfc. Ralph Cerasuolo, played for the formal Valentine dance held at the City Auditorium Saturday and for the broadcast over WMIS Sunday afternoon at the Servicemen's Center.

The grand march which inaugurated Saturday night's dance, was led by Miss Dorothy Lee Snead, Capt. of Co. C, Military Maids, and Pvt. Leo Avellis, of Serv. Co., 253d Inf. Instead of terminating the dance by forming the usual "V" for Victory the participants formed a giant heart.

A feature of the dance was a Sweetheart Waltz contest. First prize went to Miss Rose Wiel of Port Gibson, Miss., and S/Sgt. Isaac D. Smith of Hq. Co., 2d Bn. 253d, Miss Alma Kellogg of Natchez, and Pvt. Herman Turnage, also of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., received the second place prize.

Sunday afternoon's broadcast was highlighted by the music of the 253d orchestra, the playing of several specialty numbers by individual musicians and by the Red Cat Quintet. The orchestra presented "Speak Low," during the playing of which Pvt. Rudy Legnar was heard in a trumpet solo, and "Swingin' the Blues."

The Red Cat Quintet, composed of Pfc. Cerasuolo, violinist; Pfc. Johnny Abate, guitarist; Pvt. Bob Crnek, drummer; Pfc. Marty Schopp, cellist, and Pvt. Bob Burr, pianist, presented "Star Eyes," with Pvt. Ralph Masciola as the vocalist. Cpl. Fred Weiner was the announcer.

Following the broadcast a large number of servicemen were served coffee and other refreshments.

## Division Artillery Plans Musical Show

The Army found itself with a bang-up show on its hands last June in New York when it opened a set of prize-winning one-act plays.

Full of GI humor was one of these, "Button Your Lip," a riotous comedy of rumors laid in the heart of the rumor section—the latrine. Its story brings back to the now-seasoned soldier his reception center miseries.

The Special Services Office of Div. Arty. is turning this script into a musical comedy and has asked all artillerymen to seek out soldiers who have written original songs or parodies; those who can turn out lyrics; singers, dancers and actors.

There also will be openings in the cast for feminine friends of the Redlegs.

Artillerymen who wish to take part in the show or who have information about men with talent are asked to leave the information at the Special Services Office in the Div. Arty. Rec. Hall.

So light that two men can handle it, a new filtering apparatus in England can draw water from a bomb crater and, in a few minutes render it suitable for drinking.

## Lewis Robertson to Direct Red Cross Work in Division



Lewis C. Robertson

American Red Cross activities in the 63d Div. are now under the direction of Lewis C. Robertson, of St. Louis, Mo., who succeeds Robert White as senior assistant field director.

White, who had supervised the extension of assistance to Blood and Fire soldiers since the death of George Flannigan in ov., 1943, has left to enter service with the U. S. Navy.

The new Division director has been with the Red Cross since April 5, 1943, having served with the 94th Div. from May 10, 1943, to Jan. 21, 1944.

One other change has been made in the staff. Charles E. LeMasters, who previously served at Ft. Jackson, S. C., and at Seymore Johnson Air Field, N. C., has been replaced by Norbett Dittmer. The latter was formerly assigned to CT White.

The remaining member of the staff, Donald Leahy, remains in his assignment with CT Blue.

Since the Activation of the Division 2,250 of its members have received assistance from the resident staff. This figure does not include instances wherein soldiers have sought information, advice or counsel not requiring information or investigation from sources off this post.

Moreover, loans to soldiers going on emergency furloughs and for morale purposes have averaged \$8,000 per month, this being exclusive of financial assistance given families of soldiers in their home communities.

Recent figures show that during the last 22-months period, ending Oct. 1943, \$73,011 loans amounting to \$25,781,203 were made to soldiers in the United States by the American National Red Cross.

## Hq. Btry., 862d Receives Award

Twice a winner among Div. Arty. units in the competition for best orientation display, Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., received an award at a special ceremony Monday in the CT White Rec. Hall.

Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. commander, presented the award to Pfc. Theodore Geiger, enlisted assistant in the battery orientation program, and congratulated Capt. John H. Mercer, Jr., battery commander, and Lt. Clarence G. Smith, orientation officer.

The award was made as the result of tour of orientation displays by a Div. Arty. inspection team. Hq. Btry. won twice and was named as artillery representative in the competition for outstanding organization center in the 63d Inf. Div.

Second place was won by Serv. Btry., 718th F. A. Capt. Patrick A. Fusco is battery commander, Lt. Loy R. Clark is orientation officer and T/5 Theodore L. Kazanoff is enlisted assistant. Third place went to Hq. Btry., 863d F. A., of which Lt. Edward A. Good is battery commander and orientation officer and Sgt. Samuel C. Bryen is enlisted assistant.

Honorable mention was awarded to Serv. Btry., 861st F. A., of which Capt. John B. Tepe is battery commander, Lt. Winiford F. Emerson, Jr., is orientation officer and Pvt. Leon H. Becker is enlisted assistant.

## Liszt Concerto Heard on Record

The Second Piano Concerto by Franz Liszt, played by Egon Petri with the London Philharmonic Orchestra accompanying, will feature the weekly program of recorded music at Chapel No. 6 Sunday at 1530.

Also to be heard are Offenbach's "Gaité Parisienne," a ballet suite; "Pavanne for a Dead Princess," by Ravel, and a polka from "Schwanda" by Weinberger.

At its greatest extent in the 1930s the dust bowl of the Southwest covered 16 million acres.

## Fast Mail Service For Combat Troops

Speedy delivery of mail is insured troops in action, as witness the report of Maj. A. W. Stacks, postal inspector, that five days after the 37th Div. landed on Bougainville Island, the APO delivered mail to units in the field.

The second wave of landing troops brought with it an APO unit, complete with field desks, stamps, envelopes, V-Mail forms and mail.

Letter mail arrives on Bougainville at least once every three days and 95 per cent of it is flown in, Maj. Stacks said.

So far, the best time between the date of mailing in the United States and the time of receipt has been 12 days. This interval is expected to be shortened as the tactical situation improves. Bulky packages are received from three to five weeks after mailing, because parcel post must be shipped by sea.

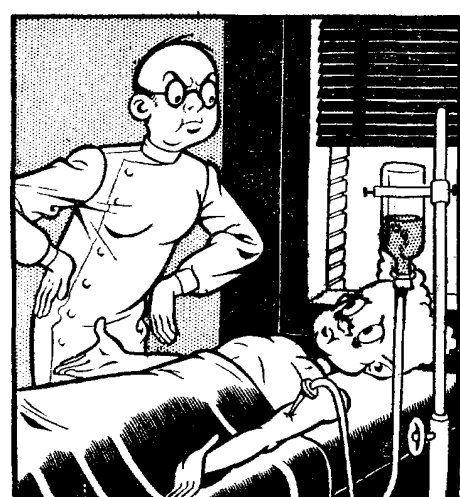
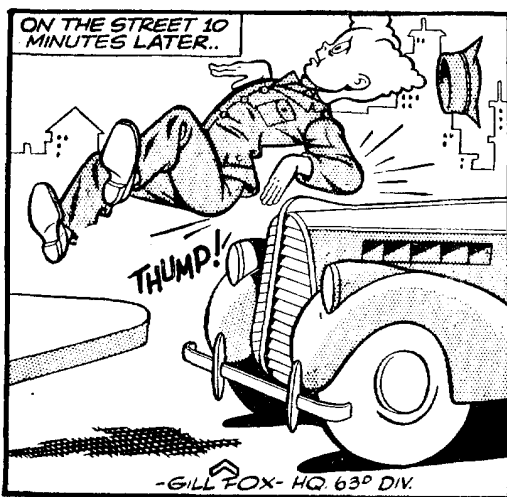
Contrary to popular conception, there is no noticeable drop in the amount of mail written by troops when they are in combat. With the convenient V-mail forms, a soldier can—and frequently does—write a letter in the comparative safety of a foxhole.

The British postoffice urges everyone to print the names of towns and cities in block letters on all mail.

### BERNIE BLOOD

### Indian Giver

### By GILL FOX



CT Red Loses to LSU, 41-38, As Rally Fails

Medics' Five Tops DeRidder Air Base In Return Contest

The 363d Med. Bn. basketball team traveled to DeRidder, La., Army Air Base last week to win a return game that was touch-and-go until the final whistle. The score was 38-36.

Previously the Fliers had routed the Medics at Camp Van Dorn. This time, while the DeRidder five started well by assuming a 14-6 advantage in the first quarter, the lead later changed hands several times until Burns notched the two-pointer that gave the Medics the decision.

Basically, however, the pill and plasma boys won their game at the foul line. There they achieved a four to two advantage, making this the medium of their triumph since each outfit banged the netting for 17 field goals.

Contributing greatly to the success of the Blood and Fire Div. representation was the work of Cpl. Dick Smith, at guard. Smith was assigned the job of covering Dugan, the DeRidder guard from the coal fields of Pennsylvania, whose high scoring had done so much to defeat the Medics in the first game.

Smith did so fine a job, Dugan quit the contest without a point to his credit.

Table with player statistics for the Medics' Five vs DeRidder Air Base. Columns include player name, G, F, P, and totals.



TIGERS SCORE! Action shot above shows one of 17 field goals made by Louisiana State University basketball team in its 41-38 victory over CT Red here Tuesday night. Cpl. Jim Decker (13) and Sgt. Jim Rosi (8) of CT Red reach for ball as three Tigers cut in toward basket.

Dodds Looms As Mile Ace

Gil Dodds, Boston's hurrying preacher, looks like the cream of the crop as far as indoor milers go. Last week at the annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York City, he outran Bill Hulse, New Jersey chemist, to win the featured Wanamaker mile by three yards in 4:10.6.

Dodds ran a canny race. He stayed behind until the 440-yard mark was reached and then took the lead. Don Burnham of Dartmouth was third, Rudy Simms of New York University fourth and Dick Hall of Princeton fifth. The winner's time by quarters was: :61.4, :59.9, :64.7, :66.6.

Jack DeField of Minnesota, national collegiate outdoor champion, and Mill Padway of Wisconsin tied for honors in the pole vault at 14 feet.

Joseph Rafferty, NYAC veteran, won the two-mile, run by defeating Ens. Oliver Hunter of Columbia's Midshipman School by 29 yards.

Sinus Infection Makes A 4-F of Jimmy Foxx

Rejected for military service is James Emory Foxx, three times home run king of the majors, who was turned down by a Newark, N. J. draft board because of the sinus infection that ended his major league playing career two years ago.

Marines' Roll Call Reads Like All-American Team

Marines now stationed at Parris Island, S. C., could find a pretty strong football team if they were not so busy playing with guns. Here's the lineup: Tom Davis, Duke; Ralph Heywood, Southern California; Mike Micka, Colgate; Pat Preston, Duke; Alex Agase, Purdue; Bert Gianelli, Pacific, and Elmer Jones, Franklin and Marshall, in the line; and Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame; Johnny Podesto, Pacific; Tony Butkovich, Purdue; and Mickey McCardle, Southern California, backs.

The National League is certain of only 38 players this year, Ford C. Frick, president of the league, has disclosed. This list includes players who are either 4F, OH (over 33) or 1C (honorably discharged), an average of 11 men to a club.

Division Basketball Teams Near Tourney Playoffs

Principals in the first of the Combat Team basketball championship playoffs were determined the past week when Co. H defeated Hq. Co. 3d Bn. in the semifinals of the CT Blue League tournament.

The thrilling 34-28 win for Co. H qualified the team to play the undefeated Cn. Co. for the circuit crown. Later, the victor in this meeting will be pitted against the winner of CT Blue's consolation tournament for the honor of representing the Combat Team in the 63d Div. championship playoffs.

Score Tied Many Times Co. H won its place in the CT Blue final round only after a real struggle. The score was tied at least 10 times and it was not until Pvis. Tony Lanzetti and Tony Baccotti bagged a trio of field goals between them in the last two minutes that the eventual victor was determined.

The other Combat Team tournaments also are approaching the decisive stage. In CT Red two of the five groups composing the circuit have concluded their preliminary round schedules and await the championship round-robin tournament pending determination of the other group winners. In this loop Co. A has won the Eastern League honors, and Cn. Co. of the Southern League.

21 Teams in CT White CT White points to the fact that 21 teams have employed the athletic abilities of 225 men the past two months to bring its tournament to its closing stages.

Two undefeated teams, Co. M and Hq. Co., lead this circuit's National League while in the American League the unbeaten Co. H holds the top of the standings. The National League leaders have out-scored their rivals about 3 to 1 while Co. H has amassed an even more impressive record against its opposition.

In the Green League, the championship struggle narrowed down between two outfits representing the 363d Med. Bn., Cos. A and C. The latter with an unbroken string of eight triumphs in the league, tops the standings.

Co. A, however, won its tenth game in 11 starts this week with a 46-29 decision over a weakened Div. Hq. five and eagerly awaits the opportunity to go to the front with the first defeat for Co. C. Incidentally, the feature game of

the week emanated from this circuit when the 563d Sig. Co. defeated the Rangers, 23-20, in an overtime struggle.

Table titled 'Basketball Results' showing standings for various leagues including Green League, CT Red Eastern League, CT Red Western League, CT Red Southern League, CT Red Northern League, CT Red National League, and CT Red American League.

Collegians' 7-Point Advantage Helps Decide Thrilling Game

Decker, Ogden Prominent In Improved Playing Of Soldiers' Five

CT Red's basketball team took a beating Tuesday night when LSU, the first collegiate five to visit Camp Van Dorn, went off with a 41-38 decision after 40 minutes of rousing play in the loser's Rec. Hall.

But, the Army team coached by Capt. Richard G. Cox lost nothing in this ball game but the score.

Trailing by seven points with less than two minutes to go, the Redcats put on a rally that carried them within a point of tying at 39-all. When another team might have been "dogging" it, the soldiers were in there with everything they had.

1,000 Fans See Game

True, "everything they had" wasn't enough to win the game but it did give quite a lift to the thousand or so spectators, included among whom was CT Red Commander Col. Edward P. Lukert, who slogged through the rain for this fine attraction.

Beaten 50-15 in a previous meeting between the teams at Baton Rouge, the Redcats matched their rivals from the Southeastern Conference goal for goal. Each outfit wound up with 17 field throws. But the Redcats, while having a perfect mark at the foul line, had fewer chances and gave up the margin of triumph to the collegians via this scoring medium.

The Soldiers began as they finished, strongly. They opened the scoring and came to the end of the first period with a 12-9 advantage. However, it became apparent in the second quarter that fast basketball requires a conditioning program all its own for the Redcats tired and fell behind.

Tigers Take Lead

The LSU outfit tied the score at 12-12. Then Bernhard and Gremilion broke away for a trio of goals that put the visitors in front 18-12 and they were never headed again.

The Redcats, after opening the second-half on the short-end of a 22-16 score, broke more sharply for the basket on the offense and did a better job of covering the man instead of the ball on defense. Consequently, they out-scored their rivals and did much to add to their stature as a basketball team.

Table showing Lineups for LSU (41) and CT Red (38) with player names and statistics.

Bigos Scores Often As 255th Inf. Wins

Pfc. Adolf Bigos scored 30 points as the 255th Inf. basketball team defeated the 605th Engrs. Bn., 61-41, for its eighth straight victory in the CT Blue Rec. Hall, Wednesday night.

Bigos zeroed in for 14 field goals and added a pair of throws from the foul line for his prolific scoring performance.

After the first period, the eventual victors pulled away to a rather commanding lead. Once the gap was created, the Engineers were unable to come within less than 10 points of tying the score. In all, the victors amassed a total of 28 field goals.

Table showing Lineups for 255th Inf. and 605th Engrs. Bn. with player names and statistics.

Sports Comeback Looms This Year

War sports attractions, born and nurtured in adversity, now appear to be reaching their maturity with a robustness hardly thought possible a short 12 months ago.

Interest and participation in all fields, despite the scarcity of first-class material, has perked up appreciably. And, a whirl into the different aspects of the sports picture makes interesting reading.

Mike Jacobs, New York's No. 1 boxing promoter, goes ahead with plans for an early-summer boxing show "that will knock your eyes out" now that the big city's dim-out restrictions have been removed.

Baseball is clearing its decks preparatory to staggering through another season; the North American Yacht Racing union discloses that its membership has grown to include 14 yacht racing associations; New York's Boxing commission has inaugurated the practice of announcing each individual judge's round-tabulation at all fights; Bill Dickey signs to catch for his 17th season with the New York Yankees—at a mere \$25,000, and "Dutch" Leonard can pitch again for the Washington Senators—the Army rejected him.

More than 1,000,000 persons visited an army exhibition held in a bombed site in London.

DIVISION BASKETBALL LINEUPS

Large table containing detailed lineups for various teams in the Green League, CT Red Eastern/Western/Southern/Northern Leagues, CT White National/American Leagues, and CT Blue leagues. Includes player names and statistics.





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He was almost as familiar a figure at fires as the firemen themselves, usually arriving with the engines, and he has treated hundreds of injured policemen and firemen in his long career.

**NEW YORK**—Officials are investigating a mysterious plague which causes birds to plummet to earth and die. Twenty pigeons dropped from flight above St. Patrick's Cathedral; 13 more pigeons died over 85th street near Central Park, and 10 sparrows inside the wall of the park nearby.

**PITTSBURGH**—The Very Rev. Austin Pardue, D. D., has been consecrated as fourth Episcopal bishop of Pittsburgh. The 43-year-old bishop, who came here from Buffalo, is one of the youngest churchmen to be elected bishop of the Episcopal Church in the

**LOS ANGELES (CNS)**—When Sailor Henry B. Fournier wrote to his wife explaining that he wouldn't be home for Christmas, he suggested that she invite some other Navy man to dinner—a gub that looked like him. "He's not to kiss you, however," he ordered.

**BRIDGEPORT, Conn.**—Death ended the brilliant career in letters of Ida M. Tarbell, dean of American women authors, authority on Lincoln, advocate of "socialized democracy," trust-busting feminist and skilled biographer. She was 86 years old.

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)**—Julian Sletten, Minnesota property director, has ordered that green snakes, hand carved from pine, be painted on ledges of the State Capitol. He figures the snakes will scare away pigeons that roost on the building.

**WASHINGTON (CNS)**—The nation's great shortage of alarm clocks will continue another year, the WPB has ruled. Production of the clocks for 1944 has been limited to about 3,300,000, the same as last year.

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS)**—Arthur Rose claims he has a "fool-proof" remedy for influenza. He bathes his feet in black coffee at night.

**INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)**—When he saw an auto strike a dog, Policeman William Denker got out of his car and carried the pup to a nearby lawn. The dog then scrambled to its feet and chased the policeman back to his car.

**KANSAS CITY (CNS)**—Bill Peterson, a night club manager, was troubled by the manpower shortage. So he hired his two daughters as waitresses, his wife as hostess, his ex-wife as cashier and his father as doorman.

**LOS ANGELES (CNS)**—Mrs. Jesse Koontz won a divorce after testifying in court that her husband had threatened to chop off her head when she put the wrong kind of milk in his gravy.

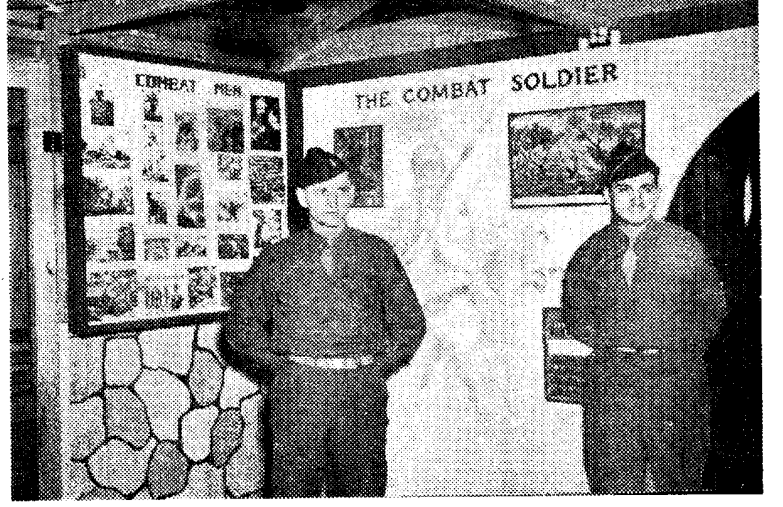
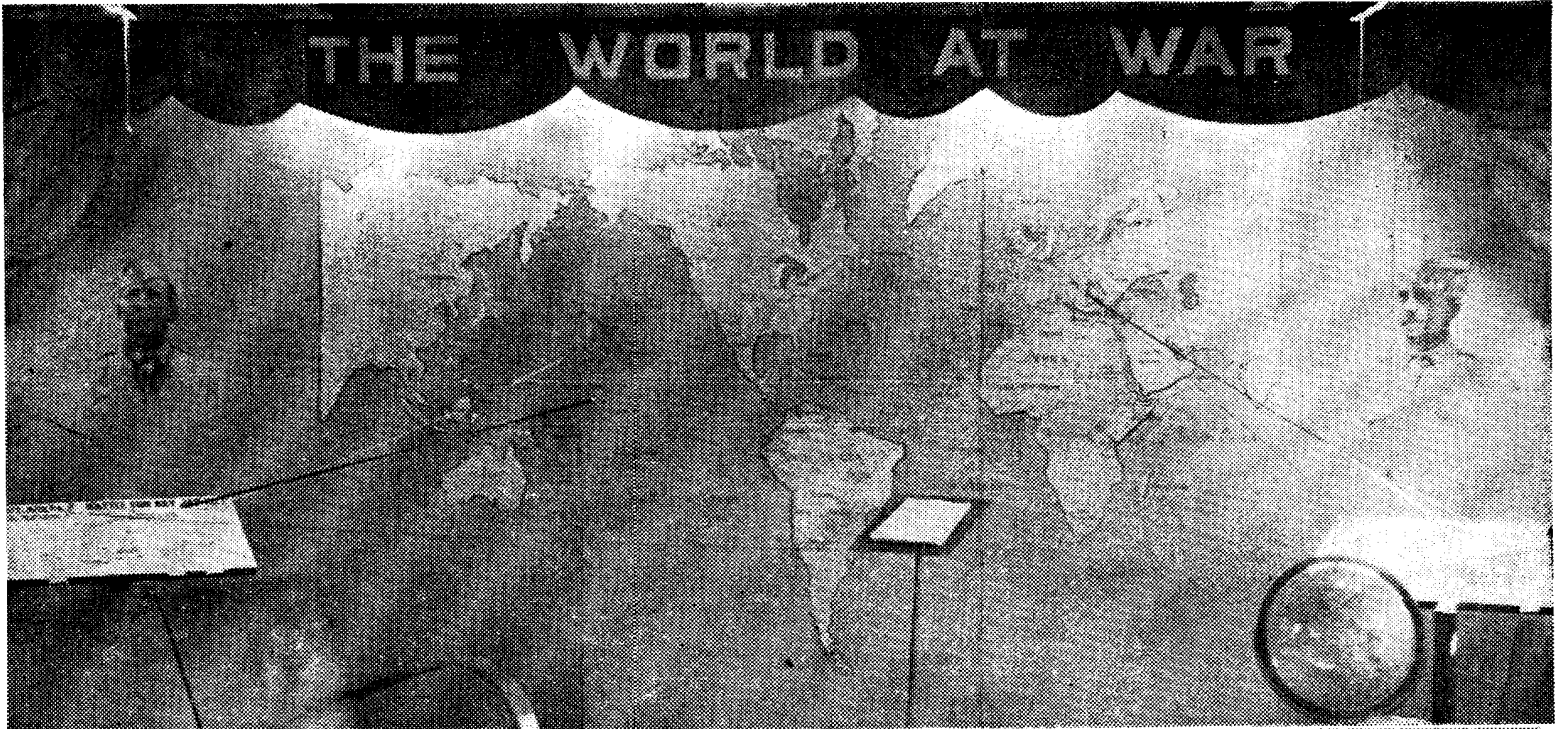
**BELLEVILLE, Ill. (CNS)**—Burglars broke into the local Elks Club, emptied a crate of eggs on the kitchen floor, filled the crate with 44 quarts of liquor—and silently stole away.

**CHICAGO (CNS)**—To spur the paper drive, Otto Schnering, president of a local candy firm, has offered a free candy bar to children who bring 10 pounds of waste paper to his office.

**ETOWAH, Tenn. (CNS)**—This town has one great tradition: All mothers for the past 15 years have weighed their babies on the post office scales.

**MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)**—George Flett was irked when he couldn't find a vacant seat in a local movie house. When he returned there were lots of seats left vacant for George. He brought a skunk with him.

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—Five dishwashers in a midtown restaurant were hospitalized for imbibing too freely of a "garbage julep" they had mixed in a dishpan from all the drinks customers left standing on tables.



THE WORLD AT WAR was so graphically portrayed by artists of Co. C, Provisional Training Detachment, that the outfit won the first division-wide orientation contest for the month of January. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, and director of orientation, presented the scroll shown in the lower left hand photo to the detachment. Lower right hand photo shows one of the displays, in front of which stand Lt. Harry Sykes (left), Co. C, orientation officer, and Pvt. Raymond Judson, who helped prepare the display. The large wall panel in the top photo is the work of Pvt. Charles Lape, former commercial artist. The map of the world is flanked by pictures of General Harris (left) and Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d commander, (right).

### 'Manually-Operated String,' GI Definition of a Shoelace

What's a shoelace?  
 "It consists of a manually-operated length of string joined together by stitching so as to form a superficially broad-surfaced-appearing ribbon of rugged texture."  
 That's the GI definition as imagined by Lt. S. N. Ohlbaum, CAC, who wrote a parody on military instruction handbooks for the Infantry Journal.  
 "The ribbon assembly," he continues, "consists of two parts:  
 "A. The stitched, reinforced ribbon, or main-entwine-retaining ribbon-reinforcing lace assembly.  
 "B. The metal end or self-propelling compressed assistor lug cam fastening-release adaptor."  
 Instructions for use begin as follows:  
 "The following steps will be observed during assembly of the shoelace, improved, US, M1, into the shoe, dismantled, russet, leather US, M3:  
 "With a simultaneous movement of each hand while each elbow is bent, briskly move each arm away from the body in opposite directions until both elbows are straight and in such a manner that 6.734 inches of each end of the surface of the main-entwine-retaining ribbon-reinforcing lace assembly have penetrated and been moved through the reinforced locking circular eyelet assembly of the shoe."



Q. I understand that enlisted men in the Army are now eligible for appointment to cadetships in the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. If this is true, what are the requirements?  
 A. These appointments are offered to men in the Army no older than 22 in a nation-wide competitive examination. Each soldier's standing will be determined by averaging his grade in mathematics and English, together with his adaptability grade, based on personal interviews, educational experience and background, and records submitted with his application.  
 The candidate also must have the following educational credits in either a high school or college: two credits in algebra, one in plane geometry, one-half in trigonometry, three in English, one in physics and one in chemistry. He must be over five feet six inches tall and have an uncorrected vision of 20/20. The examination will be held May 10 and 11 and each candidate competing must apply to the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, through military channels.  
 Q. Does an American soldier, who is a prisoner of the enemy, continue to receive his Army pay?  
 A. Of course. His pay is credited to him and held by the Government while he's a prisoner. He gets it all on his release. In the meantime, allowances to his dependents continue.  
 Q. Is it possible to send mail to prisoners of war and are they permitted to answer your letters?  
 A. Of course you can send mail to prisoners. In fact, this practice is encouraged. The mailing address of a prisoner of war is forwarded by Red Cross authorities through the Government's Prisoner of War Information Bureau. Most prisoners, however, are strictly limited in the amount of mail they send out, so you may not hear from them for many months, if at all.

### PTD Receives 63d Orientation Award Following Division-Wide Competition

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 vision commander and director of orientation.  
 All three displays were prepared under the personal supervision of Maj. Frank B. Farr, detachment commander. Gen. Harris praised the efforts of Maj. Farr; Capt. Howard McAleer, detachment orientation officer, and Lts. Rufus Marlowe, Sam Lewis and Harry Sykes, company orientation officers.  
 The winning display was prepared by Lt. Sykes, assisted by Pvt. Raymond Judson; Pvt. Charles Lape, former commercial artist, and Pvt. Waldemar Romeling, former artist and teacher, under the direction of Lt. Leo Carde, company commander.  
 Feature of the wall panel display is a world map painted by Lape in gold on a deep blue background. The main panel is flanked by portraits of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Div. Commander, and Gen. Harris, both painted by Romeling. He also has painted likenesses of President Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek.  
 Daily progress of Allied forces in Italy, Russia and the South Pacific areas is marked by movable battle lines on individual maps and by newspaper headlines. Other features, all illuminated by reflector lights, are entitled "Our Allies," "Combat Soldiers," "Axis Atrocities" and "War Humor."  
 The equally elaborate displays of A and B companies were prepared by Lt. Marlowe, assisted by S/Sgt. William Rogers in Co. A, and by Lt. Lewis, assisted by Pvt. James Watson in Co. B.

### Cookies and Coffee Gratis at USO Club

Soldiers, if you are cookie and coffee minded, opportunity stares you in the face.  
 Wives of service men are going to see to it that you get all the cookies and coffee you can manage every Thursday night at the Centreville USO club—free.  
 The idea is an outgrowth of something which happened in connection with the club's celebration of the USO's third anniversary. The refreshments were served to all visitors and proved most popular.  
 The cookies were made by Mrs. Kay Donnelly, Mrs. Jessie Whalen, Mrs. Robert Derr and Mrs. Ann Moore.

### Packing Boxes Become Book Cases In Army

**JERSEY CITY**—The Army has shipped 115,000 books for the use of fighting men overseas. The books were packed by the Jersey City Quartermaster Depot in 100 and 500-volume units. The depot sent them out in green packing boxes which, when the lids are removed, became bookcases.  
 The name Alaska is derived from a native word meaning "the great country."

### Pre-Professional Army Course at LSU

Louisiana State university is one of the four educational institutions in the Eighth Service Command at which pre-professional Army units are to be established, effective with the opening of the spring term, March 13, President C. B. Hodges of LSU announced yesterday.  
 The announcement was made through Dr. W. B. Hatcher, academic co-ordinator of the Army specialized training program at the University.  
 Sixty pre-medical and pre-dental students will constitute the first Pre-professional units at LSU, it was stated.  
 The Army pre-medical board examined members of the ASTP unit at the University and selected 26 who may be reassigned to the University March 13. The remainder of the group of 60 will come from ASTP units at other educational institutions.