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Gen. McNair Sees Progress of 63d During Tour Here

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of Army Ground Forces, spent part of two days last week in Camp Van Dorn, when he made a routine inspection of the 63d Inf. Div.

It was Gen. McNair's first visit to this Division—one of the most recent additions to his command—and his first trip to Camp Van Dorn.

Accompanied by his A. C. of S., G-3, Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, and a staff of 15 high-ranking officers, Gen. McNair arrived late Friday, February 11, at Harding Field, near Baton Rouge. There he was met and escorted to 63d Inf. Div. headquarters.

On Saturday the ground forces commander observed Blood and Fire troops going through squad runs and observed a problem in which an infantry attack was supported by artillery. He watched artillery bursts only 250 yards in front of the forward observation post where he stationed himself.

During field observations, Gen. McNair was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps; Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commanding the 63d; Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander; Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. Commander, and Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff.

During his visit, which ended at noon Saturday, Gen. McNair was quartered with Gen. Hibbs and members of his staff were quartered and ate with officers of the Division staff.

Gen. McNair expressed himself as pleased with the progress of the Blood and Fire Division's training.



COMMANDING GENERAL of Army Ground Forces, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair (left), spent part of two days last week on a routine inspection of the 63d Inf. Div. With him at a forward OP where shells were dropping only 250 yards away are Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn (center), commanding the XXI Corps, and Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commanding the Blood and Fire Division.

Odyssey of Terror Ends For Victims of Nazi Rule

The triumph of love and faith over the destruction and hate of war and tragedy was celebrated Tuesday in Chapel No. 10 at the wedding of Pvt. Rudolf Beerwald, Co. C, 255th Inf., and Miss Therese Schilzer.

Such a wedding—the culmination of an odyssey of terror and loneliness that began when Hitler seized power in Germany and marked all Jews for slavery or extermination—could have taken place only in a country fighting for the very things that are anathema to Hitler.

The bride and groom were Jewish refugees from the Nazis. The chaplain who married them in a quiet Army chapel was a Protestant. The best man was an American Red Cross official who arranged the hasty wedding. The matron of honor was a soldier's wife employed in a nearby Post Exchange.

In 1938 Beerwald was a harassed but successful accountant

in a wholesale food business in Berlin. Working for a competing firm was another accountant, Miss Schilzer. They met and planned to be married.

Made Laborer
Suddenly Beerwald was summoned by the authorities and told he could work no longer as an accountant, regardless of his experience and training. He was ordered to become a manual laborer, building military roads, pushing a wheelbarrow. Germany needed the slave labor of even a Jew.

For two years Beerwald sweated at this unaccustomed and low-paid drudgery. Then he was shifted to a Berlin railroad yard as a freight handler.

In the meantime the Nazis had forbidden Jewish marriages. In August, 1939, Miss Schilzer escaped to England, leaving her mother in Berlin. Eight days later war broke out between Germany and Great Britain.

When the British began to raid Berlin, crews of laborers were herded into the devastated areas to clear away the debris. Beerwald always was in one of these groups.

'Thanks' for Bombs
"Always in my heart there was a silent prayer of thanks," Beerwald says, "and a constant hope that the British would come again and again until the beasts would be crushed in their wicked den."

Through channels he dares not reveal, Beerwald learned that his fiancée was safe in Scotland, working on a farm.

"It was my only happiness, to know she was safe," he recalls.

Exerting every effort to obtain a visa to come to still-peaceful America, Beerwald finally was rewarded with the precious permission. All his papers were stamped by German officials. He was to leave in a group of 50 men and

'Count of Monte Cristo' At CT White Rec. Hall

"The Count of Monte Cristo," starring Robert Donat and Elissa Landi, will be the feature production to be shown tonight at the regular Saturday Niter at CT White Rec. Hall. Those who attend are permitted to drink beer and otherwise enjoy themselves during the showing of the film.

Last week's presentation, "The Covered Wagon," an epic of the silent motion pictures, was witnessed by a large audience. Appropriate piano music for the occasion was furnished by Pfc. Jack Sontag.

The Saturday Niter shows are free to all GIs and their friends and are sponsored by the recreation staff of CT White under the supervision of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley.

'Enemy' Is Beaten Off As Div. Hq. Is Attacked

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Defenders Perform Well In Division's First CP Exercise

An attack launched by powerful American "mechanized units" as well as air forces against Truk, has been reported by the Japanese. The statement further declared that "fighting with our troops is now going on," according to the United States foreign broadcast intelligence service. Official United States sources failed to confirm the clear enemy implication that American forces had landed on Truk, the Japanese "Pearl Harbor" of the Pacific. Neither Army nor Navy would comment.

"Since Tuesday morning (Tokyo time) a powerful enemy task force was repeatedly carrying out bombing attacks upon Truk island," it said. "Intercepting this enemy force, the imperial army and navy units of the same area were engaged in fierce fighting."

Memorial Services Held For Sgt. Dick of 255th

Memorial services for Sgt. Wilbur C. Dick of Co. L, 255th Inf., who died recently, were held in Chapel No. 10 Tuesday morning. The services were conducted by Chaplain Howard D. Prather. Men of Co. L, led by Capt. Donald Likas, company commander, attended the services.

Sgt. Dick leaves a wife and one child. Mrs. Dick was visiting her husband at the time of his death.

Fliers Dedicate 200th Victim to President

LONDON (CNS)—The pilots of the highest scoring U. S. AAF group station in Britain recently dedicated their 200th Nazi bag to President Roosevelt in honor of the Commander-in-Chief's birthday. The group is commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, of Messonia, Mont.

Poor Allthumb, GI Wreck, Never Had Things So Good

He never had it so good. They invented that phrase for Pfc. G. I. Allthumb, who, by his own admission, is almost a wreck.

He is a jeep driver, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds and is 22 years old. Looking at him you'd think him a perfect physical specimen. But—

"It's a good thing they put me to driving a jeep," he says, "because I just can't make them long marches."

He glances down significantly and says cryptically, "Metatarsal arches weak. Gets me in the feet." Immediately you feel sympathetic, and Allthumb senses it.

'No Pack, Either'
"That ain't the only thing, neither," he confides. "I got a little patch of nerves right under my left shoulder blade, makes me jerk and shimmy when a field pack is strapped on. 'S funny, but I just can't wear a pack, and how the hell the Army can expect me to is more than I can understand."

You knit your brow and frown slightly, shaking your head. Allthumb thinks you're agreeing with him, and he opens up.

"It don't make sense to me," he says. "The way they do things is terrific. Here I am, got a bum shoulder blade, weak metatarsals

In their first test of strength, the Ranger and Defense platoons of the 63d Inf. Div. came through with a commendable performance during an "attack" on a field command post of Div. Hq. by members of the 63d Ren. Trp. Wednesday night.

On week-long bivouac. Headquarters underwent simulated attack, but efforts of the Recon group to infiltrate the Division's forward position were frustrated to the extent that several members of the attacking unit were captured.

Fireworks and blank ammunition broke out in sporadic bursts throughout the dark hours of the night and morning. Those attacking troops who managed to penetrate the outer defenses arrayed in camouflage suits and wool-knit caps were captured or theoretically mowed down before they could inflict any "damage" on Headquarters itself.

After repulsing the attack on their center, the Rangers and members of the Defense Plat. kept after the "enemy" gathering in a number of prisoners.

Attackers Regroup
Toward dawn, the attackers were able to regroup and infiltrate in small force to open fire again on the bivouac area. Dynamite explosions and ammunition bursts roused the Headquarters complement to defense again.

The two groups were at it hot and heavy when suddenly a yell went up through the area. To the defenders it sounded like a cry for "help." The "enemy" fired a few more shots as it raced through the woods then the attack ceased.

Inquiry on the part of the bewildered Div. Hq. group brought home the fact the cry for help was in reality the Rangers, call for early chow.

This first Division CPX problem found most of the Division Head-

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Soldiers to Vote In Three States

The War Department has released information to facilitate the voting by soldiers in three state primaries and one election during the month of April.

Illinois, Nebraska and Pennsylvania are having state primaries during April. Louisiana will hold a state election during the same month. Soldiers living in any of these states who want to vote in their April primaries or elections should get their applications for absentee ballots in the mail as soon as possible.

Here are the specific provisions which apply to each state:

Illinois Primary
The Illinois primary will be held April 11. Soldiers having voting residence in Illinois may apply for official war ballots covering Federal, state and local offices by mailing to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., the post cards which will be available in camp. Soldiers should forward the applications so as to reach Springfield shortly before March 14, the earliest date on which the state will forward absentee ballots. The ballots must be executed and received by appropriate local election officials in the state by Apr. 11.

Pennsylvania Primary
The Pennsylvania primary will be held Apr. 25. Soldiers having voting residence in Pennsylvania may apply for either "official war ballots" (covering only Federal offices). In order to obtain the "official war ballots," a soldier should mail the post card available in camp to the Secretary of State, Harrisburg, Pa., so as to reach Harrisburg shortly before March 6, the date on which the state will begin forwarding absentee ballots. If he desires the state absentee

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PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The body of two-year-old Jule Ann Fulmer, who literally was swallowed up by the earth in a mine subsidence, has been recovered. The child was walking on the street with her aunt, when suddenly a crack opened in the sidewalk and she disappeared. Pittsboro stands over a honeycomb of old coal mines, and miners took out more than 350 tons of sand and clay, partly with electric power shovels but mostly by hand, to reach the child's body.

DETROIT—Recalling that the last passenger automobile for civilian use rolled off assembly lines two years ago last week, the Automotive Council for War Production reported that since Feb. 10, 1942, more than \$14,200,000,000 worth of raw materials has been delivered to the armed forces from the former auto plants. Deliveries include aircraft fighters, bombers, engines and parts; military vehicles and parts; tanks; guns and parts; marine equipment; ammunition and other products. The report said that 1,038 of the industry's principal plants now are devoted 100 per cent to war production.

JACKSON, Miss.—The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. factory here has been completely reconverted to tire making. All war production schedules have been completed or moved to other plants.

WASHINGTON—Measures to prevent diversion of sailors from the Great Lakes to salt water are being taken by the War Manpower Commission and the War Shipping Administration, WSA, which said many sailors have left the ore ships on the lakes because they feared loss of their draft deferments at the close of the lake shipping season, ordered them to remain near lake ports during the winter slack season to assure an adequate labor supply for the reopening of the season in the spring.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—An air mail letter from the South Pacific to a Chattanooga girl was attended to by her father. He just forwarded it—to the South Pacific, where his daughter now is serving with the Red Cross.

LANCASTER, Pa.—Sumner Locher Brown, secretary of the Lancaster Aero Club and for many years a promoter of civic and aeronautical affairs in Pennsylvania, died of a heart attack on a downtown street.

TARENTUM, Pa.—The death in Italy of a 16-year-old soldier, Pvt. Ralph Shoemaker, of Natrona Heights, has been announced to his parents. His father said the boy was "big for his age" and that he signed Army papers for his son, thinking the boy would be rejected.

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FIRST DIVISION SOLDIER to be appointed to Ordnance Officer Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., is Pvt. Francis J. Harmuth, 763d Ord. Co. Pvt. Harmuth is 25 years old and lives at Bridgeville, Pa. He has been in the Army a little over five months.

U. S. Ships Bringing Soldiers Back Home

WASHINGTON—American ships now are serving double duty—bringing home some of the soldiers who have earned a respite from battle.

The two-way traffic which has carried millions of soldiers abroad has also returned 200,000 of them to U. S. shores, not counting sick and wounded, Secretary of War Stimson disclosed today.

In the European, Caribbean and Alaskan theaters, a rotation system of furloughs is in full swing, Stimson said. Lt. Gen. Millard Harmon said two weeks ago some tiny starts had been made on the system in the Southwest Pacific and that it would be expanded as manpower and facilities permit.

Theater commanders decide which troops have earned a rest. The minimum service to be eligible is 18 months in the North African theater, two years in Alaska and the Caribbean, Stimson said.

Organ Concert At Chapel No. 6

The first concert on the new reed organ installed in Chapel No. 6, the Chapel of Santa Barbara, will be given at 1530 tomorrow in place of the weekly concert of recorded music.

Pfc. Richard L. Sutch, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty. chaplain's assistant, will play organ music of Bach, Mendelssohn and Handel.

Cpl. Lorraine Daignault, WAC Det., will be heard in several violin solos.

The first actual jump an American air-borne infantryman makes is from a tower like those tourists popularized at the New York World's Fair but twice as high, 250 feet.

Report to the Homefolks

By Pvt. Irwin Ross

Last week I shot the M1 rifle and so, I imagine, was formally initiated into the ranks of the infantry (in the artillery we pack a carbine.) Shooting is a lot of fun, when you are up on the firing line, but the incidental proceedings, and the advance preparations, are a great bore.

For three days we took "dry runs" in an open field near our barracks. A dry run is practice shooting—without benefit of ammunition. It seemed a little silly at first, endlessly flopping on my belly and knocking off mythical shots at a baby target a few feet away. But after the first few attempts—my arm aching from the uncommonly awkward sling, the rifle flopping about miserably in my shoulder pocket instead of being held rigidly in place—I began to see the value of practice.

Coach-Pupil Method
In dry runs, as in actual firing, the coach and pupil method is used. This is a little like the blind leading the blind, as one faltering beginner coaches another and then, in turn, gets coached by his former charge. My partner was Pvt. Ulfert Wilke, an old soldier by present service standards (23 months), an artist and teacher, his vocations in happier days, at heart.

Wilke is a genial, wide-eyed German refugee, charming with his tentative, hesitant speech and soft roll of accent, endlessly and naively bewildered by so much that the Army asks of him, but in the end, despite appearances, quite capable of grappling with the rigors of military life. Wilke eventually did best of our little group of six from Hq. & Hq. Co., shooting a score of 173.

After the first hour or two, I was convinced that I was sufficiently practiced in all the bodily maneuvers demanded on the range, but my superiors thought otherwise. From dawn till evening this drill kept up, and it's hard to see now how I shouldered such a great burden of dullness and got through the three days. But the weather was good. The sun blazed hot, the air held the softness of spring, the sky was cloudless and deep blue. During our 10-minute breaks we were allowed to lie on our backs and luxuriate in the fullness of the midday heat. And so the time passed, three full days of heavy time, the dry runs were over, and we were ready to go on the range.

For this exercise we were awakened at 5:30, a full 15 minutes before the rest of the company was aroused by the obscenely cheerful charge of quarters; and we made ready to leave at 6:30.

Two-Mile Hike
The range is a little over two miles from our barracks. We trudged along in the dark, up and down the hilly dirt road, for a half hour or so before reaching it. Then, through the half-lit mist of early morning, we saw half a hundred targets facing us across a dirt field. These targets we eventually fired upon, from positions two and three hundred yards away.

But all that was hours off. Most of the time spent on the rifle range, I discovered, is spent waiting for the shooting to start, and then awaiting for your turn on the firing line. First the range must be prepared for the day's business, and then the fog must lift, and then you must be lectured a good deal on keeping your rifle pointed down range, and making sure there is no bullet in the chamber when you leave the firing line, and sundry other essentials.

Afterwards we were lined up, and each of us assigned a target, and placed in a certain "order"—the sequence in which we were to fire on our targets. The first order was told to get on the firing line, the second order on the ready line (a row of metal seats behind the firing line) and the third or-

der was ensconced on the waiting line (a row of wooden benches behind the ready line). The other three orders were coralled in back of the range to undergo additional dry runs. I was happy I wasn't one of them.

On Range Five Days
We were on the range for five days. Half the time was spent in practice firing—both slow fire, where you had all the time you wanted to expend your rounds, and sustained fire, where you had to get off a certain number of shots in a specified number of seconds. After the practice firing was over, we fired for keeps. Our score goes on our service records, and we knew if we didn't qualify with a minimum of 140 (out of a possible 210 points) we'd have to go through the whole routine over again.

We also fired, and cleaned our rifles several times a day, and consumed endless candy bars, and smoked up all my little cigars, and tried our best not to get roped into more dry runs, which we considered a real imposition now that actual firing had started.

And we all qualified, finally. Perhaps I sound a trifle dyspeptic about the range. There's a reason. Before the second day was out, I got a thumb (rather than a round) jammed into the chamber, and for a week nursed the fiercest, largest and most colorful black-and-blue bruise (known locally as M1 finger) that I've ever had. It still aches.

Jap's Light Tank Is Thinly Armored

Details of a light Japanese tank captured in the Gilberts, including the fact that its armor is not thick enough to stop a .30-caliber armor-piercing bullet, were revealed last week in Honolulu.

The tank weighs only eight tons, as against 19 for its American counterpart. Most of its parts were handmade. Gun mounts were made in Germany. Machine guns are adaptations of the British Bren.

The upper structure resembles that of French tanks of World War I. The fenders rattle like those on a Model T. The gun turret is hand-operated.

An in-line Diesel engine, almost the only feature Army technicians considered efficient, powers the tank. It has no radio.

The tank's interior was built to hold Japs. After it was taken to Honolulu from Makin Island it took a long time to find a soldier small enough to squeeze inside.

To Show Early Movies On Two Screens Sunday

The nickelodeon days will live again—for a couple of hours—when movies and their stars of long ago appear on the screen at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall and Service Club No. 1, Sunday.

Charlie Chaplin, William S. Hart, Mary Pickford and Ben Turpin are to be seen again in the melodramas and comedies of the early 1900's.

The first showing will be given at the Rec. Hall at 1930 while the Service Club entertainment is scheduled for an hour later.

'Nineties' Revue To Draw Talent From All 63d

A "Gay Nineties" revue, scheduled for next Friday and Saturday, will be the first production under a new plan by which recreation staffs of the three combat teams and Div. Arty. have banded together to provide better and more frequent stage entertainment for men of the 63d Inf. Div.

Instead of attempting large productions with the limited staffs of each combat team, the Special Services offices have grouped their efforts and plan to delegate a production to each member of the group.

The responsible member will call on all other members for assistance, thus drawing on the entire Division for show talent. Members of the Station Complement WAC Det. also have agreed to appear in the stage productions. Each production will be staged at the various unit recreation halls.

The pioneer job of producing the "Gay Nineties" revue has been assigned to Pvt. Joe Dolin, of the CT White recreation staff. The production will be done in the spirit and style of the Nineties, with a bar-room quartet, Broadway dandies and Floradora Girls, and will include musical selections of the time.

Dolin has had previous experience in the "Gay Nineties" revue. His last civilian contribution to the stage was the portrayal of Joseph Snobson in "Fashion," a musical play of the nineteenth century.

The revue will be presented Friday night at CT White Rec. Hall and Saturday night in Div. Arty. Rec. Hall. Remaining dates in other halls have not been scheduled.

Plans for future productions are being made by T/5 Mordecai Bauman, CT Blue; T/5 Fred Weiner, CT Red, and Pvt. Cy Bernhart, Div. Arty.

255th Unit Holds Valentine Party

Men of the 1st Bn., 255th Inf., were hosts Friday night, Feb. 17, to girls from Baton Rouge, Natchez and Gloster, at a Valentine party held at CT Blue Rec. Hall. The party was sponsored by the USO and the CT Blue recreation office under the direction of Lt. Mike Naddeo.

The decorations reflected the Valentine motif with a huge red heart, pierced by an arrow spotlighted on the stage behind the orchestra. Overhead in the center of the floor was a "waterfall" of shimmering crepe paper.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the CT Blue orchestra, directed by Pfc. Marlin Merrill of AT Co. T/5 Mordecai Bauman, assistant to Lt. Naddeo, was master of ceremonies.

Refreshments for the guests were prepared and contributed by companies of the battalion.

HYDE PARK, N. Y. (CNS)—President Roosevelt has deeded his ancestral home and 33 acres of his land here to the United States Government. The famed home, which will become a national historic site, fronts on the Hudson River near Poughkeepsie.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"Time'll go much faster if you know of any games we two can play."

Nat Rodgers' Actors Present Variety Show

Rope tricks by Dorothy Lewis, former rodeo performer, magic by Yosa, a Hindu magician, and some clever balancing acts by 65-year-old Gene Sheck and by Zaza, youthful feminine performer, featured Nat Rodgers' acts which appeared in Division Rec. Halls during the past week.

A Mexican hat dance performed by Helen Dearman, a Hula dance by Helen Dearman, and the slapstick wit of "Red" Sinclair and Boob Brassfield, completed the program.



DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

63d QM Co.—Ralph Humbley, recently transferred into the QM, formerly played shortstop for Winston-Salem in the Piedmont League and batted .310 for a complete season. He's a right-handed batter and played with such stars as Elmer Riddle, now with Cincinnati, and Dick Wakefield, star Detroit Tiger fielder. . . . Cpls. Max Zaitz and Al Nardone, QM mechanics, were left behind when the company moved out of its bivouac ahead of schedule, but they won their Eagle Scout badges by finding their way back to the company without help. . . . Boys of the 1st Plat. (Truck) have formed an Annie Rooney fan club to receive photographs and letters from the motion picture starlet who appeared here last fall. Pvt. Bob Fraissant is president of the club. Another Hollywood fan is Cpl. Mickey Maher, who receives weekly photos and letters from Joan Leslie.

253d Inf.—Co. K policed Highway 24 from Centreville two miles east last week. . . . Pvt. Charles Raymond Bork, Co. K, and Miss Elizabeth Marie Hancock, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were married February 5 at Chapel No. 7 by Regimental Chaplain Ernest A. Phillips. Cpl. Decker gave the bride in marriage, and music was furnished by Cpl. Hopkins, organist. . . . Promotions in Co. A include those of Sgts. William Flynn, Guy Adams and Clifford Hewatt to staff sergeant; Cpls. Hay Hasenstein and William Edwards to sergeant, and the following privates to Pfc.: Carmen V. Abata, Robert Berlin, Melvin E. Clark, Alfred J. Harding, Alvin S. Hughes, Jr., Brynne Jones, Thomas F. Kernan, Robert G. Moore, Henry B. Olander, Harold E. Olander, Frederick A. Svoboda, John B. Newman, Jr., and Bernard C. Trostle, Jr.

254th Inf.—It soon will be "Bugliaro and His Bugle." Pvt. Bugliaro has been detailed to Buglers School from Co. A. . . . Recent promotions in Co. A include those of George P. Wingrove, Gordon E. Jeverett and George E. Perro to technical sergeant and Edward Radziewicz, Howard H. Brown and Elliot Pawlak to staff sergeant. . . . Pvt. Harold G. Dixon, Co. C, became a father while on furlough. . . . Under the direction of Lt. William B. Crawson, Jr., plans are moving forward for remodeling Co. C's dayroom to resemble a rustic hunting lodge. . . . S/Sgt. Cecil Bennett, Co. L, has been promoted to technical sergeant. . . . S/Sgt. Jim Hughes is acting while 1st/Sgt. Frank Jones is on furlough from Regtl. Hq. Co. . . . Lt. Joseph Stanton, AT Co., has been promoted to first lieutenant and the following enlisted promotions have been announced: Randall Clary, Guy Ferguson and Howard Morrison, to technical sergeant; Dewey Goins to staff sergeant; Melvin Kangas and James Simmons, to sergeant; Kenneth Burbridge, Gilbert Hergesheimer, Ellis Horton, Henry Kofsky, John Messina and Lawrence O'Conner, all to corporal; Spellman Britt, Frank Garboski, Rollin Perkins and Charles Ankie, all to T/5 and the following privates to Pfc.: Philip Bashara, Ralph Barella, Thomas Benincasa, Orfeo DalPapa, Vincent DeTore, Theodore Farmer, Victor Felice, Oran Gingerich, Harold Goodman, James Green, Shelt Hines, Adolph Hoiseth, Bernard McDermott, Melvin Robinson and Albert Yoder. . . . Promotions in Regimental Personnel Office include that of Pvt. Forrest G. Holts, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., to Pfc.

862d F. A.—Sgt. William E. DeGraff, Btry. C, became the father of a boy recently. Pfc. Raymond Maynard and Edward E. Kroll have been promoted to corporal and Pfc. Robert Creamer moved up to T/5 in recent Btry. C orders. . . . New Pfc. in Hq. Btry. are Allen S. Kilmer, Richard E. Baker, Arthur W. Harris and Leslie C. Myers. . . . A panel which draws attention to the Hq. Btry. orientation display bears many personal snapshots of officers and men of the battery.

255th Inf.—Recent promotions in Hq. Co., 3d Bn., include the following: Hubert Weinberger and Michael J. Connolly, corporal to sergeant; Frank C. Reed, Jr., Oscar T. Semit and Jack Z. Kress, Pfc. to corporal; Cecil Barnette, Homer Harmon and Adam Epstein, Pfc. to T/5, and the following privates to Pfc.: Robert Bauer, Joseph Cortesena, James DeFalco, Walter K. Drake, Vernon Snyder, William Villano and Clifford W. Whittaker. . . . In Co. K new stripes were awarded as follows: Fred Robertson, sergeant to staff sergeant; Phillip Murray and Gerald Clinton, corporal to sergeant; Roy Young, Pfc. to T/5. . . . New ratings in Co. L: Joseph G. Gokey, corporal to sergeant, and Morris Lesner, Pfc. to T/5. . . . Three men of 3d Bn. were married on furlough. They were Cpl. Donald E. Terge, Co. L; Cpl. Clyde Johnson, Co. K, and T/4 Carl A. Coe, first cook in Co. K. . . . Recent promotions in Co. J include these: Jesse M. Whittington, sergeant to staff sergeant, and the following Pfc. to corporal: Gildo H. Luserto, Stanley T. Gomellia, Alvis L. Teague, Robert G. Merkit, Charles J. Van Winkle, William C. Makuban and William W. Mahilla.

863d F. A.—Recent promotions in Hq. Btry. include those of Pfc. Norman C. King and Charles M. Schultze to corporal, and Gordon L. Rutland to T/5. . . . Before entering the Army almost two years ago, T/3 Don G. Meredith competed in midget auto racing for five years, not as a hobby but to earn a living. He escaped serious injury once when his car rubbed wheels with another and he and his car made two complete somersaults before coming to rest on the track. Sgt. Meredith hails from Spokane, Wash. He came to the 63d after completing a motor course at Ft. Sill, Okla., and now is section chief of the Air Observation Section. . . . Pvt. Luke J. Dolan, Btry. A, used to shag flies for the Philadelphia Athletics, had a tryout as a pitcher and missed so many classes hanging around Shibe Park that he claims Connie Mack used to sign his report card. . . . Cpl. Bartlett Jones, Serv. Btry., returned from furlough in Louisville a married man. . . . Men of Serv. Btry. often wondered how Pfc. Frank Domkoski picked up so easily the nomenclature of the 105. In civilian life he was employed in the manufacture of 105 projectiles.

718th F. A.—Back from furlough is Pvt. Paul W. Hepfer, Btry. C, newly married. . . . Cpl. John F. Scott, Btry. C, seriously injured in an automobile accident, is pulling out of danger. . . . Hq. Btry. hopes that, now that she has lost her charm, Tillie will spend more time at home. Tillie, the celebrated squirrel mascot of the battalion, made her longest disappearance recently and came back minus the luxurious tail, which was bigger than Tillie herself.

Prov. Tng. Det.—Mixing business with pleasure, Pvt. Raymond Judson, Co. C, is supervising the WAC Det.'s orientation display. . . . Pvt. Russel Goldman, former attorney, though not a "barracks law-

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126 Men Advance In Grade as 255th Lists Promotions

Thirty-four men of the 255th Inf. were advanced to technical sergeants in a list of 126 promotions published this week by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander. The promotions, made upon recommendations of company commanders, include 16 men advanced to staff sergeant, 46 to sergeants, four to T/4, 22 to corporal and four to T/5.

Advanced to technical sergeant were the following staff sergeants: Earl E. Wade and Bertram R. Mudge, both of Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Delbert C. Brett, Eugene G. Burnette and Reldon L. Boykin, Cannon Co.; Gordon W. Scott and Odell W. Hill, Co. A.; Walter J. Halfman and Randall B. Davis, Co. B.; John J. Kelly and William H. Alexander, Co. C.; Thomas J. Coyne, Jr., and Daniel D. Weiss, Co. D.; Joseph H. Fiedelvey and Arlin B. Warren, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; William L. Fletcher and Harry E. Mandel, Co. I; Joseph C. Gaberdiel and Raymond E. Hintz, Co. K; Robert Holderman and Joseph Timpone, Co. L; Harvey Drew and Perry M. Erhard, Co. M; Thomas H. Burdette, Harold H. Miller and Stanley Pickowitz, AT Co.; Allen M. Brenner, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Albert Carpenter and Dennis J. Kilbride, Co. E; James C. Hamblin, Co. F; Daniel M. Sullivan and Robert D. Diviny, Co. G, and Robert A. Hartman and Gifford L. Kirchoefer, Co. H.

Advanced to staff sergeant were the following:

Sgts. Harold J. Gilligan, Hq. & Hq. Co.; Clifton W. Bonner, Serv. Co.; Lawrence E. Luby, Cannon Co.; Albert H. Heineman, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; James E. Davis, William C. Butler and John B. Maass, Co. B; Everett S. Booth, George L. Chelekis, Walter L. Hatcher, John S. Sieczek and Lewis B. Brown, Co. C; Hugh V. Ferguson and Jerome A. Koch, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; James H. Wynkoop, Co. F, and T/4 Daniel E. Diefenbach, Co. G.

Advanced to sergeant were the following corporals:

Garry A. Bahrich, Hq. & Hq. Co.; George F. Schneider and Harold T. Tully, AT Co.; William C. Acker, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; James C. Scott and T/5 James E. Warren, Co. A; John Andrade, Henry E. Bahls, Roscoe D. Prazelle, Chris Makas, Richard F. McCarthy, Richard Mussel, Walter W. Pacher and Edwin P. Riecar, Co. B; Lambert J. Barker, Russell W. Carlson, William E. DeBevoise, Arthur T. Donato, John A. Hough, John E. Maher, Orville E. Morris and Lloyd G. Sitley, Co. C; John Abreau, Roy T. Bachman, Alex P. Chisnar, Roy E. Russell and Ivan D. Stephens, Co. D; Lawrence J. Toledo, Paul D. Beltz and Carl J. Lynch, Co. E; John H. Sanders, Stanley Lucyszyn, Herman A. Levine, John J. Joyce, Lewis Clemons, Raymond G. Lehman and Howard R. Thalimer, Co. F; John H. Jubek, Warren D. Freese, Charles J. Saxe, Jack Litt and Peter W. Zimmerman, Co. G; Matthew T. Kokich, Hubert O. Langrall, Jr., Edwin L. Price and Royal H. Durst, Co. H.

Advanced to T/4 were: Cpl. Ronald Cault, AT Co., and T/5's Manuel J. Stolbach, Med. Det.; Wary A. DiGiusto, Co. B, and Anthony Crasmer, Co. E.

Advanced to corporal were these privates and Pfc.:

Henry C. Boshert, Hq. & Hq. Co.; Leonard N. Cook, Morris L. Klein and Anthony J. Guerra, Co. E; Thomas J. McMorro, Mario J. Capuano, Wilbur E. Connell and Robert E. Hughes, Co. F; Adrian B. Williams, Reino Keranen, Harold J. Meyer, Claude Shehane, Raymond A. Brausch, Arthur P. Smith, Robert A. Winters, Frank Thomas and Nicholas R. DeSerio, Co. G; Joseph W. Rieher, Robert C. Franke, Norbert S. Forcheskie, William J. Daly and Richard G. Burton, Co. H.

Advanced to T/5 were: Pfc. Irving R. Wechsler, Hq. & Hq. Co., and Pfc. Jim S. Fong and Bernard E. Litaker and Pfc. Louis L. Twarowski, all of Co. E.

Patients See 'Covered Wagon'

A showing of the silent film classic, "The Covered Wagon," and a concert by the second orchestra of the 254th Inf., provided entertainment for recuperating patients at the Station Hospital last Sunday night. The Athletic and Recreation Staff of CT White sponsored the affair.



HAPPY ENDING to a saga of terror and loneliness came this week at a Blood and Fire Division chapel when two victims of the Nazi persecution of the Jews were reunited and married. They are Pvt. Rudolf Beerwald, Co. C, 255th Inf., and the former Miss Therese Schilzer. With them is Donald Leahy, director of Red Cross activities for CT Blue, who arranged the wedding.

Odyssey of Terror Ends For Victims of Nazi Rule

(Continued From Page 1) women. He was to be allowed \$4 for expenses.

Joyously he told his friends and relatives to meet him for farewells. The great day arrived, but the Nazis would not permit his well-wishers to come into the station; no Jew who was not leaving the country could enter the building.

Last Farewell
Beerwald said goodbye to his aged mother and father on a street corner two blocks from the station, probably never to see them again.

"Their faces will live in my mind forever," he says. "The tears in their brave old eyes will wash on my cheeks as long as I live."

Beerwald's group stayed on the same train to Paris, to Bordeaux, into Spain and at last to Lisbon. There, in April, 1941, they boarded a Portuguese ship and sailed to America.

Just a few days later, Hitler decreed that no able-bodied Jew could leave the Reich.

Immediately after arriving in the

United States, Beerwald got a job in Bridgeport, Conn., and a friend helped him borrow more than \$1,000 to send for his parents. They were to live in Cuba. But, before the money could be dispatched, he received word that the Nazis had sent his parents to a concentration camp in Poland.

Becomes Citizen
"I have not heard from them since," he says. "That was November, 1941. Under the circumstances, they cannot longer be alive."

Miss Schilzer's father had died years before, and her mother was sent to a concentration camp in Poland with Beerwald's parents.

Beerwald, now 34 years old, took the first steps toward acquiring American citizenship, and in April, 1943, he was drafted. In August he received his final citizenship papers.

"The feeling is not possible to describe," he says of his new citizenship. "And the Army, it is wonderful! The food, the way the officers teach the men to think! In Germany, only the officers think. The men are not wanted to think. They kill, and die!"

The bride left England three weeks ago for Canada. She arrived in Centreville at 0440 Tuesday. She was met at the train by Beerwald, and they left on the first bus for Woodville, where they obtained a marriage license and returned to Camp Van Dorn for the wedding at 1545.

Red Cross Helps
While the pathetically happy couple arranged for a license, Donald Leahy, director of Red Cross activities for CT Blue, arranged for the services of Chaplain Howard D. Prather, Chaplain Aaron Kahan, the Division's only Jewish chaplain, was on leave.

Leahy invited Mrs. Lamar Gambelin, wife of another soldier in the 255th, to be the bride's attendant. He himself was best man. "The presence of the Red Cross is, in itself, significant," Leahy said. "The Red Cross exists to help heal the wounded and rebuild that which is destroyed, and these two young people certainly have been wounded by the horrors of war."

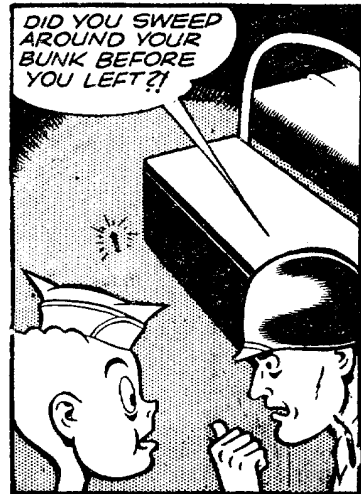
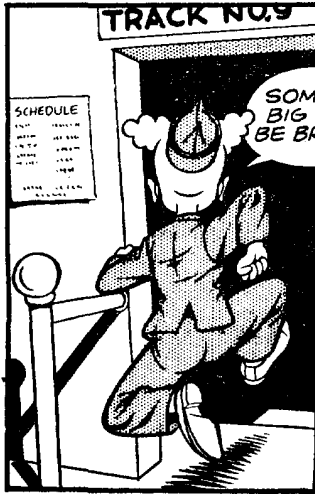
The bride and groom, whose honeymoon was scheduled on a three-day pass, said not a word. They just smiled and clasped hands.

Theatre Schedule

- THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2**
Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810
- Feb. 19 "The Imposter," with Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew and Richard Whorf.
 - 22-23 "The Sullivans" with Anne Baxter, Thomas Mitchell and Trudy Marshall.
 - 22 "Mojave Firebrand," with Wild Bill Elliott, Gabby Hayes, Noah Beery, Jr. and Martha O'Driscoll.
 - 23-24 "Rationing," with Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main.
 - 25 "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," with Francis Lederer, Lynn Bari and Akim Tamiroff.
- THEATER NO. 5**
Starting Time—1845
- Feb. 20-21 "The Imposter," with Jean Gabin, Ellen Drew and Richard Whorf.
 - 22-23 "The Sullivans" with Anne Baxter, Thomas Mitchell and Trudy Marshall.
 - 24 "Mojave Firebrand," with Wild Bill Elliott, Gabby Hayes, Noah Beery, Jr. and Martha O'Driscoll.
 - 25-26 "Rationing," with Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main.

The whole valley of the Mississippi River is lowered a foot in three or four thousand years by the dissolved rock material carried out to sea by the stream.

BERNIE BLOOD



Indian Giver

By GILL FOX



CT Blue Trims Two Foes in Weekend Games

Leverett Defeats Stever in Feature CT White Battle

Featured by a sizzling bout in which Pvt. Bob Leverett of Co. F outfought Pvt. Richard Stever of Hq. Co., in the 155 pound class, the second in a series of four elimination boxing cards to determine the combat team championships, was staged at the CT White Rec. Hall Wednesday night.

Most of the competitors hailed from the 2nd Bn., of the 254th Inf., where Lt. Richard Lewman and Clayton Farnsworth hold sway as boxing instructors.

Both Leverett and Stever mixed it from the opening glove until the end but Leverett, who employed a strong left with ability, and who moved in close for the attack, proved too much for Stever who fought gamely but lost the duke on points. The large crowd of spectators was well pleased with the bout and acclaimed both boys loudly.

One technical knockout was registered during the night when Pvt. Len Kotchkoski of Co. K, defeated Pvt. Bob Wheaton, Co. H, in the second round. Kotchkoski is the boy who defeated a Navy fighter in the New Orleans AAU show a few weeks ago. He had too much stuff for Wheaton who appeared to tire badly and Cpl. George Barnes, the referee, refused to permit him to answer the bell for the third heat.

The opening bout in the 165 pound class produced fireworks when Pvt. Stan Tresnick, Co. E, and John Smith, Serv. Co., tangled. Tresnick had to work hard to carve out his three-round victory over Smith who put up a strong fight to the end. In the second bout Pvt. Cisco Morales, Co. A, continued his winning ways by taking a close decision from Pvt. Roy Hodres, Co. F. Morales had kept opposition but came through strong in the third round to win.

Pvt. Jim Burk of Co. L, an old favorite with CT White Fans, slugged out a hard-won victory over Pvt. Fred Lawson of Co. F, in the 145 pound division, and Pvt. Sam Herr, Co. H, a newcomer to the ring, defeated Pvt. Jim Sinclair, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., in three rounds. Pvt. Casimir Tootikian, of 2d Bn. Hq. Co. avenged his teammates' defeat by taking the nod from Pvt. Joe Brown, of Co. H.

The summary: 145-Pound Class—Pvt. James Burk, Co. L, defeated Pvt. Fred Lawson, Co. F, three rounds. Pvt. Leonard Allen defeated Pvt. Anthony Dorezo, three-round decision. 135-Pound Class—Cisco Morales, Co. A, defeated Pvt. Roy Hodres, Co. F, three rounds. 155-Pound Class—Pvt. Bob Leverett, Co. F, defeated Pvt. Richard Stever, Hq. Co., three rounds. Pvt. Sam Herr, Co. H, defeated Pvt. Jim Sinclair, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., three rounds. 165-Pound Class—Pvt. Stanley Tresnick, Co. E, defeated Pvt. John Smith, Serv. Co., three rounds. Pvt. Leonard Kotchkoski, Co. K, defeated Pvt. Bob Wheaton, Co. H, three-round decision. 175-Pound Class—Pvt. Casimir Tootikian, 2d Bn. Hq. Co., defeated Pvt. Joseph Brown, Co. H, three-round decision. Pvt. Frank Maturose, Co. L, defeated Pvt. Al Labowitz, Co. H, three-round decision.

CT Blue to Show World Series Film

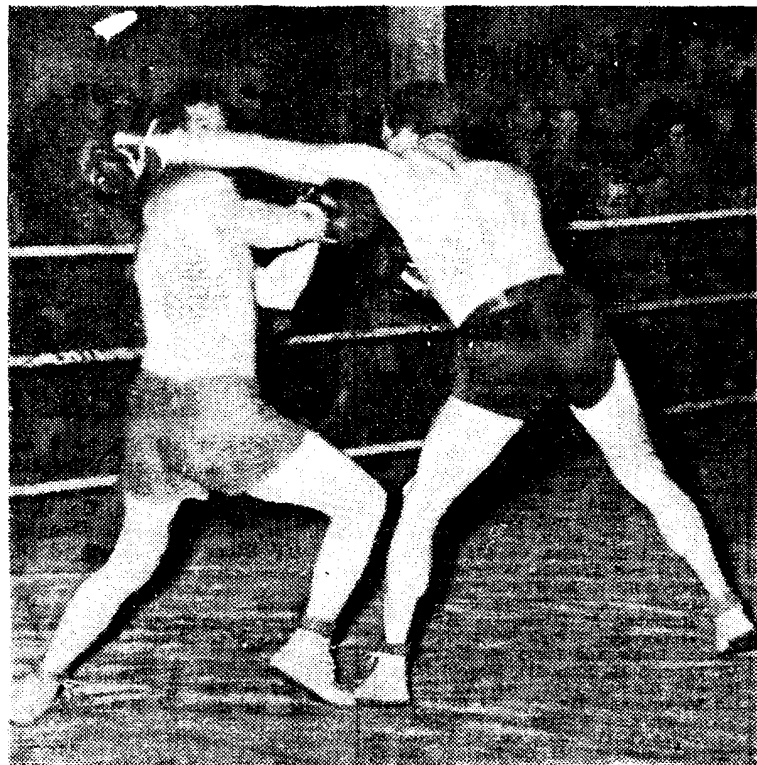
The color and glamor of America's great sports classic, the annual World Series, will unfold again tomorrow at 1930 at CT Blue Rec. Hall when the athletic office presents a film showing the 1943 series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees.

The film, released by the Army Service Forces, is for military showing only and the CT Blue Rec. Hall will be the only place where it will be shown in Camp Van Horn. In addition to the feature, "Goofy," Walt Disney's character, will demonstrate "How to Play Baseball."

Triple Header Slated For CT White Court

A triple header in basketball will be staged at the CT Red Rec. Hall this afternoon starting at 1:00 when championships in three of the Combat Team's leagues will be decided.

The first game will send Btry. a



HAYMAKER thrown by Pvt. Bob Leverett of Co. F, 254th Inf., just missed his opponent, Pvt. Dick Stever, of Hq. Co., as the pair fought in the feature battle of a nine-bout card Wednesday night at CT White Rec. Hall. Leverett won the fight on points.

Gobs Sink 22 Free Throws To Top CT Red Five, 62-57

CT Red's basketball team lost a 62-57 decision to the Algiers Naval Base Armed Guard at New Orleans last Saturday night at the Crescent City, but the soldiers will have a chance for revenge next Saturday when the Guardsmen visit Camp Van Dorn for a return game.

The Cats continued to show improved form in their play last Saturday and poured 27 field goals through the net, but not enough

Lovlace Reaches Ping Pong Finals

Pvt. William Lovlace of Co. H, 254th Inf., is marking time in the final bracket of the Combat Team White ping-pong tournament, awaiting the outcome of a match between Sgt. Marling Goldstein and Pvt. Aaron Trubakoff scheduled to be played early next week. Thirty-two contestants entered the competition.

Lovlace gained the finals when he defeated John Greenspan, 21-13, 21-17. Prior to that Lovlace had conquered Spontak, 15-21, 21-19, 21-19, Kammerman, 18-21, 21-13, 21-19 and Fehby, 21-13, 21-17.

Trubakoff reached the semi-finals by downing Smith, 17-21, 17-21, 21-18. He also conquered Jenkins, 25-23, 21-13; and Oakley, 21-9, 21-11.

The summary: First Round—Valdivia defeated Laker, 21-14, 25-23; Smith defeated Intraub, 21-15, 21-17, and Messinger, 21-16, 21-19; Trubakoff defeated Oakley, 21-9, 21-11; Jenkins defeated Goitao, 21-11, 21-16; Gorra defeated Buddy, 21-14, 21-8; Davis defeated Lowe, 21-7, 21-13; Wisnaw defeated Wood, 21-8, 21-14; Goldstein defeated Giacomelli, 21-8, 21-12; Pratt defeated Campbell, 21-15, 21-16; Spontak defeated Crowder, 21-15, 21-13; Lovlace defeated Sadowski, 21-17; Kammerman defeated Blak, 21-15, 21-6; Greenspan defeated Lantz, 21-18, 21-18; Libowitz defeated Lantz, 21-19, 21-14; Gribble defeated Corpellati, 21-9, 21-14; Weinsoff defeated Heath, 21-19, 21-18. Second Round—Smith defeated Valdivia, 21-11, 21-12; Trubakoff defeated Jenkins, 25-23, 21-13; Davis defeated Gorra, 14-21, 21-11, 21-15; Goldstein defeated Wisnaw, 21-17, 21-16; Spontak defeated Pratt, 21-25, 19-21, 21-19; Lovlace defeated Kammerman, 19-21, 21-18, 21-13; Greenspan defeated Libowitz, 21-12, 21-8; Gribble defeated Weinsoff, 26-24, 21-16. Quarter Finals—Trubakoff defeated Smith, 21-16, 17-21, 21-18; Goldstein defeated Davis, 21-10, 21-12; Lovlace defeated Spontak, 15-21, 21-19, 21-19; Greenspan defeated Gribble, 21-16, 21-17.

A. against Serv. Co., for the title in the Yankee League, and at 1400, Co. E plays Co. F, for the Western loop title. At 1500 Co. I battles Co. K for the Northern League crown.

The swastika once was worn as a charm to ward off evil spirits.

to achieve victory after the Gobs put on a second-half uprising. The game's referee sent the Sailors to the foul line for 27 free throws, an uncommonly high number, and by converting 22 of them the victors were able to offset the Redcats' advantage afield.

Leading 33-18 as the first half closed the Cats appeared as if victory would crown their efforts. But basketball games do not usually end at half-time. In those last 20 minutes the Sailors paraded to the free-throw line along what soon became a well-worn path. Ruth Algiers' center, sank 10 of 11 throws, and Baldwin, a forward, eight out of ten. These two players alone amassed 46 points between them.

As a result of this barrage of free throws, the Redcats' 15-point advantage was whittled to one of 45-41 by the start of the last period. In the fore part of this session the Guards rushed ahead to a 60-51 lead and from that point it was only a matter of what the final score might be.

The week end was not a total loss for the Redcats, however. Their defeat followed by only one night a 43-39 victory over the 363d Med. Bn., scored at CT Red Rec. Hall in a Division Combat Team League game. The Medics led, 19-16, at the half and through most of the second stanza. The Cats rallied to tie the score at 33-all and finally won out on Pvt. Bill McManion's late scoring drive.

Table with 4 columns: Team, G, F, P. Rows include CT Red (55) vs Algiers NB. (42) and CT Red (43) vs 363d Med. Bn. (39).

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The 605th Camouflage Engrs., a new outfit in Camp Van Dorn, upset the CT Red quintet, 62-51, Wednesday night at the CT Red Rec. Hall. The victors led most of the way and at the half were in front 25-19. McNamara of the winners, with 18 points, topped both teams in scoring. Pvt. McManion and Sgt. Tavalarro led the losers with 12 counters each.

Soldiers Snap Millsaps String, 48-36, Then Rout Jackson Air Base '5', 51-38

Bigos Sets Scoring Pace for Division Team With 24 Points in Two Games—Blues Play Coast Guard in Camp Tonight

Residents in and around Jackson have a greater respect for 63d Inf. Div. athletes as the result of CT Blue's fine basketball playing in the Mississippi capital last week-end.

The Soldiers bowled over the Millsaps College V-12 five, 48-36, on Friday night, snapping the Collegians' 15-game streak. Twenty-four hours later the Blood and Fire outfit put on another 21-goal exhibition to overwhelm Jackson Army Air Base, 51-38.

The defeat of the Millsaps team was by far the more impressive achievement. The college combination had done much to establish itself as one of the outstanding teams in the State, beating the University of Mississippi and the unusually strong Miss. Ordnance Plant team in the course of its streak-creating activities.

Victors Take Early Lead Against the combat team five, however, Millsaps engaged in a losing fight from the start. Pvt. Frank Lanzetti sank one from the field for the first points of the game and from then on the 63d representatives were never headed.

It was this fast start which made possible CT Blue's triumph, for after achieving a 21-12 lead, the soldiers were matched point for point the rest of the way.

As in most of the Blue's previous triumphs (it now has a record of 11 victories and two defeats) Pfc. Adolph Bigos set the scoring pace. The youngster from Perth Amboy, N. J., ranged up and down the court getting himself seven field goals and a foul—a total of 15 points.

But it wasn't entirely a one-man job, this victory over Millsaps. Lanzetti and Pvt. Lew Shendowich handled the ball with a finesse that made possible the scoring of many goals by their mates, as well as themselves.

Coast Guard The Blue, which plays the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Station, of New Orleans, in the CT Blue Rec. Hall at 2000 tonight, had less trouble with the Jackson Air Base team on Saturday.

A make-shift combination started this game for the 63d Div. yet managed to get off to a substantial lead before the first team entered play midway through the second period.

At halftime the team from Camp Van Dorn owned a 19-13 bulge. After the intermission the Blue regulars, again with Bigos in the van, rushed away to a very substantial lead and virtually wrote their own figures on the score board at the finish.

Table with 4 columns: Team, G, F, P. Rows include CT Blue (48) vs Millsaps C. V-12 (36) and CT Blue (51) vs Jackson Army A. B. (38).

Fighters representing the 718th F.A. Bn., and the 254th Inf. will collide in the ring at the CT White Rec. Hall Monday night at 2030. A card of eight bouts ranging from the middleweight class to the heavyweight class will be presented.

The 718th boxing team under the tutelage of Lt. Ralph Shaima, is the only similar outfit among the artillery units in the Division. Boxing in the battalion has been fostered not only by Lt. Shaima, who was a light heavyweight champion in the Panama Canal Department, but by Lt. Col. Ferdinand Unger, an outstanding light heavyweight boxer at West Point.

To date the Artillery battlers have conquered boxers representing the CT Blue and will meet the same fighters in a return series of bouts on Feb. 29. The Redlegs are seeking bouts with other outfits in or out of the Division.

Monday night the following men will represent the 718th in the bouts at CT White: Pvt. John Lee, Hq. Btry., and Cpl. George Digidio, C Btry., welterweights; Pvs. Dick Petterz, C Btry., and Tom Cerbo, Hq. Btry., light heavyweights; Pvs. Lee Taylor, B. Btry., "Bib" McCoy, C Btry., and Vito Lovcchchio, Hq. Btry., middleweights, and Pvt. Joseph Barove, C. Btry., heavyweight.

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TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Maybe you think that because I saw plenty of action in the last war and damned little in this one, with 20 years of peacetime service sandwiched in between, that I am a hardened old-timer who can laugh off losing those men out of my outfit the other day with nary a pang of the heart.

Well, you're dead wrong, brother. It hurt me to beat hell. It gave me the same sick feeling I had back in the Argonne one day in 1918 when one of Jerry's shells lit right in the middle of my outfit and liquidated damned near a platoon. And what a terrible hole it made. I had the awful feeling that we would never recover from it but the next day who did we get but a bunch of wild-eyed replacements that somebody had sure trained right because they were as tough as pine knots and a-thirstin' for Heinie blood.

Looking back, I know now that the outfit, after a little shaking down, was a damned sight better than it had been before, for those new men caused our outfit to take Armistice Day by the nape of the neck and shove it up by at least a month.

That's just the kind of youngsters we've lost but unless I am so dead wrong it is probable they'll be the answer to some other division commander's prayer, for the outfits are few and far between that have been raised on a diet of blood and fire like ours. We're all fighting the same war, you know, and it won't take us long to

recover from giving some lucky outfit a blood transfusion.

As a matter of fact, I am already beginning to feel better about it after having seen the new men that have been sent to us. I kinda hate to admit it, but the other day I took a bunch of my squad leaders out to take the newcomers through some squad combat problems. Hell, those artillerymen and medicos acted like veterans and my squad leaders had a hell of a time keeping up with them. It kind of looks as if the infantry has gotten a blood transfusion.

To be perfectly honest, those squad leaders of mine reveled in being big shots for once in their Army careers. Ever since our training first began they had been running a race with others who knew just about as much as they did and some of them had been holding on to their jobs by the skin of their teeth. When this came along it was mighty refreshing to see them relax and show the new men just how it should be done with no fear of argument.

My feeling is that this shakeup is going to get rid once and for all, of all party lines; that the result will be that we'll come nearer being just one big family and we'll be a better outfit than ever before. Anyway, when we get in combat we'll have a lot bigger shakeups than this one and my tip to you is that you would be a lot better off if you learn to take them in your stride now.



READY FOR EATING is this Valentine cake, baked by the wife of T/5 William G. Craven of G-4 Sec., which weathered a 300-mile trip via express, wrapped partially in cellophane as shown in the picture. Craven is ready to plunge his bayonet into the delicate morsel, while, left to right, T/4 David Resnick, Pvt. Harold A. Michaeson, T/5 Clarence Douglas, M/Sgt. Peter Needie, Pvt. Paul C. Smith, Cpl. Joseph Summers and Pfc. James Dickinson eagerly await the division of the spoils at Div. Hq. barracks.

Cannonball, 255th Canine, Protests Ban on Mascots

To the Editor: You remember the letter you published from Cannonball, mascot of the Cannon Co., 255th Inf., the best damn unit in the Division? Well, I'm Cannonball, and I'm a big dog now, and not only that, I'm a Pfc. and I've been elected chairman of the Van Dorn chapter of the Better Posts for Victory Committee of the Patriotic Dogs of America association, of which my friend, Bowser Coldnose, is president.

This past week end I called a meeting of the committee to discuss a recent ruling which, if the movement spreads, will have profound effect on dogdom and morale in this camp. I refer, of course, to an order stipulating that every company in the 255th must get rid of its canine pets and mascots by February 19, and that any stray dogs will be arrested by the military police and disposed of. (I shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition, but what else can I end it with?) I saw the order in the DB when I happened to be chasing a mouse under First Sgt. Risdon Boykin's desk and the DB was hanging on the hook.

Nose Warm With Fear As soon as I read it, a chill shriveled my heart and my nose got warm with fear and dismay, and the mouse got away. I've been an Army dog ever since I was a puppy no bigger than a canary; I've grown up with the Cannon Co., and I know the nomenclature of the weapon as well as any of the men and I know how to respect it, especially after Capt. Robert M. Young switched me when I once mistook a wheel for a post. I haven't done that again! ... My duties in the company include barking at the men when they're leaving on a night problem, and barking at them when they return. Also, I sniff at their legs and lick their hands and let them tickle my neck and scratch my ears. I don't like these things, but I feel I'm contributing to my men's welfare by keeping alive in them their memories of their dogs

at home. In addition, I'm learning some tricks they're teaching me; I can roll over, speak for my food and count to three. Of course, I always throw in a few extra barks so I'll be sure to have three, but the men understand and they just laugh. They know my arithmetic is bad.

The reactions of the other dogs in the regiment are the same, they tell me. We feel we're integral members of the 63d and we consider our duties vital in winning the war. I've talked with the men in my company, and they agree with us. They're terribly upset, and, frankly, I am, too. Who the hell wants to go to a dog pound?

Resolution Adopted My committee on Better Posts for Victory authorized me to make this suggestion: as a matter of fact, we passed it as a resolution to be published and recorded in our minutes.

"Resolved: that every dog which is officially attached to a company as its mascot, and which is cared for, fed, bathed and kept clean by said company, be exempt from this order; and that we, the members of the Better Posts for Victory Committee of the Patriotic Dogs of America association, recognizing the potential danger of any company having more than one dog mascot and of stray dogs running loose on the post, do agree that all dogs except the one attached to a company as its official mascot should be disposed of in some humane way and do recommend that this be done in accordance with said order under discussion. Signed: Cannonball of Cannon, chairman; Dr. Capsule, Medics; and S/Sgt. Barkmore, AT."

As I said before, Mr. Editor, I'm sorry I got sore at you and wrote that other nasty letter. Instead of biting your heels, I would wag my tail and nudge your legs if you would come to my company area now.

I'm a contrite and fearful dog. Yours sincerely, CANNONBALL, Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

AGF Gives Ruling On Infantry Badge

WASHINGTON—Regular training hours will not be utilized for special training to prepare infantry soldiers for the tests under which the newly created expert infantryman badge is awarded, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has ruled.

Tests and courses completed by individuals during the course of regularly prescribed training fill the requirements under paragraph five of the circular setting up the qualifications for the badge.

To pass this phase of the test infantrymen must:

- Qualify with individual weapon and transition firing.
- Qualify with one crew-served weapon (for men who are authorized to fire crew-served weapons for qualifications) and transition firing.
- Complete familiarization firing with one other weapon.
- Complete continuous footmarches with full field equipment of 25 miles in eight hours and nine miles in two hours.
- Complete the established physical fitness test.
- Complete the infiltration, close combat and combat-in-cities course.
- Qualify in the grenade course.

Special tests must be prepared and conducted for the phases outlined in paragraph 6 of the establishing circular. And these tests must all be completed within a 48-hour period. Tests prescribed under this paragraph may be conducted during training hours after completion of individual training.

Yanks Abroad Receive 25 Million Missives

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The folks at home have sent more than a billion pieces of mail to soldiers overseas since the war began, according to War department figures. Weekly shipments now average about 25 million pieces with V-Mail amounting to 25 per cent.



Q. When I was drafted last year, I named my mother as beneficiary of my National Service Life Insurance. She has since died, however, and now I want to name my father beneficiary. He is a resident of Cuba. Is this okay?

A. In most cases, it is acceptable to name a person living outside the U. S. as beneficiary. If your father were a resident of Germany, or some other Axis nation, however, payments to him would be held up until the end of the war.

Q. Is it possible for a warrant officer to be "broken" or reduced in rank by a court-martial?

A. No. Although warrant officers are not commissioned officers, they are not enlisted men either and may not be reduced to the ranks or to the status of non-commissioned officers.

Q. I was inducted last year and will be 38 next month. Will I then be eligible for an over-age discharge?

A. No. Only those men who reached their 35th birthday on or before February 28, 1943, were eligible for discharges as over-age. At present it is the policy of the Army to keep everyone in service who can be useful in any manner.

Q. Is it permissible for a serviceman to change the beneficiary in his monthly allotment and his insurance?

A. That depends on the circumstances. A serviceman cannot authorize discontinuance of the regular monthly allowance to his wife.

In a Class E allotment of pay, however, he can change the beneficiary or discontinue the allotment any time he wants to. He is also at liberty to change the beneficiary of his insurance at any time.

Q. My brother, a marine, is overseas. I'd like to send him a picture of his new baby. Is it OK to do this?

A. Sure. Photographs may be sent by first-class mail if they weigh less than eight ounces. But, listen, if you are sending a snap shot, make sure there is nothing in the background the censors wouldn't like. For instance, there should be no views in the background of military posts or war plants.

Q. I have a wife and three children. If I die from injury or disease received in line of duty, how much pension will they receive?

A. Under the present law, your wife will receive \$50 a month. She also receives \$15 each month for her first child and \$10 a month for each additional child. In your case, your family would get \$85 a month. The maximum payment for widow and children is \$100 a month.

Q. My wife requires medical care but because her income has been reduced since my induction into the Army, she can no longer afford a doctor. Is there any organization that will help her out?

A. Of course there is. You tell your wife to get in touch with Army Emergency Relief in your home town.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" R. H. I. P. (Rank Hinders Impromptu Propositions)



THANKS, MA'AM - I'VE BEEN STANDIN' UP IN A TRAIN FOR DAYS!.. YOU'RE NOT ONLY NICE - BUT YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

WELL - I THOUGHT FOR AWHILE I WAS REDLINED FOR SALVAGE!... THE NAME IS LACE... READ OFF YOUR DOG TAGS AND WE'LL GO ON FROM HERE

WANTA SQUEEZE IN HERE, GENERAL?

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PITTSBURGH—Donald Dixon, production manager of radio station KDKA, was fatally injured when a taxi in which he was returning from a War Bond rally struck a safety zone.

KERNERSVILLE, N. C.—Curtis Broadstreet, a farmer operates a one-man war plant here, turning out 15-inch steel daggers. He has no war contract and makes no money from his product. He makes the daggers from discarded saws and sends them to men at the front at his own expense.

PHILADELPHIA—The girl friend said, "I dare you to stand on the railroad tracks and stop the train." So William Kane, 19, struck a pose on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at 23d street. An electric suburban train ground to a stop from its 40-mile-an-hour pace. Police arrested Kane, who refused to name his companion, saying "I'm a gentleman" and "I'm in love."

OSHKOSH, Wis.—Frederick Boese, Jr., farm youth, used a kerosene lamp to see how much gasoline remained in a drum. The boy suffered arm burns. A garage near the gas drum caught fire and was destroyed. Flames from the garage ignited and destroyed a barn. Flames from the barn destroyed a shed housing machinery and a tractor. Flames from the machine shed destroyed a chicken coop and a flock of chickens.

YONKERS, N. Y.—The Yonkers School of Aeronautical Manufacturing, which trained workers for aircraft plants, closed Feb. 1, just three weeks after the Eastern Aircraft plant at Tarrytown announced it would not be hiring additional employees for several weeks. In that period, enrollment at the school dropped from 225 to 6.

HERSHEY, Pa.—National uniform traffic regulations to aid law enforcement agencies again were suggested at the recent conference of state police officials of the 13 New England and Middle Atlantic states. Capt. T. N. Boate, of the Pennsylvania State Police, urged the police heads to appoint a planning committee for the northeastern region and to make uniform traffic laws one of its major objectives.

254th Medics Top Hq. Btry., 25-21

With the CT Blue regimental tournament already in the finals and the other leagues approaching their respective termination, the only circuit game played this week was that between the Medics and Hq. Btry. in the CT White League. The Medics came through in the last quarter to win, 25-21.

Hq. Btry. took an early lead and at the half was leading, 11-11. The play was close in the second half and both teams approached the end almost neck and neck. A final spurt on the part of the Pill Rollers in the closing minutes of the final heat sent them ahead to win.

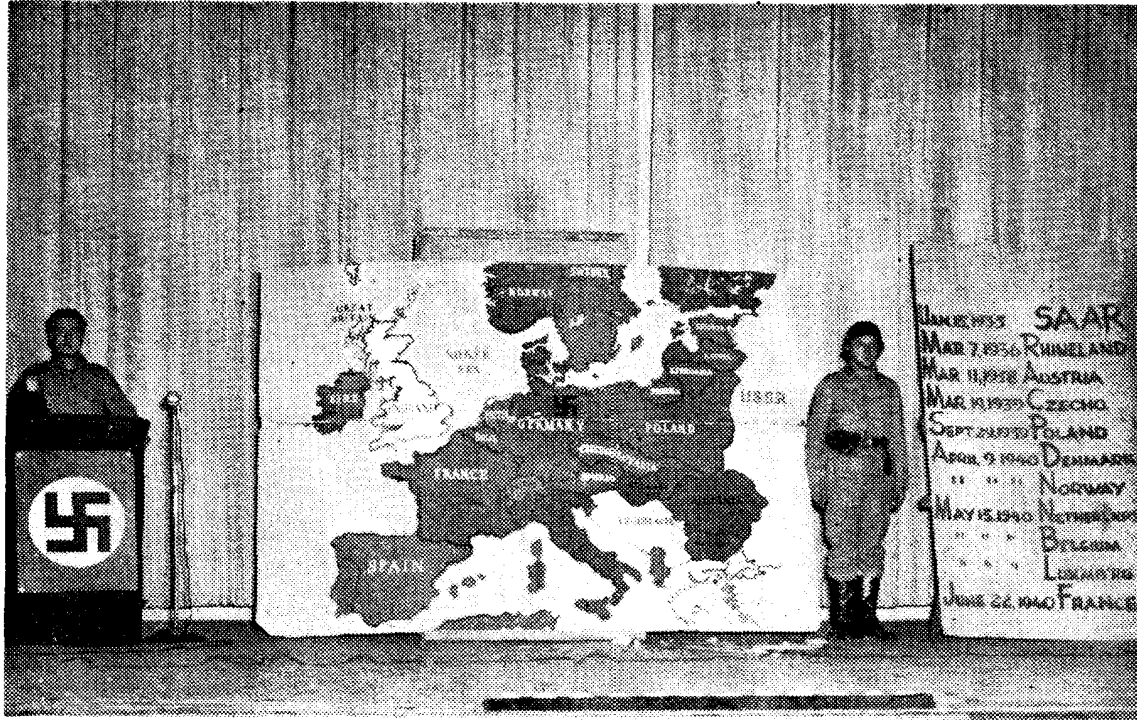
Eckleberger, center for the Hq. Btry., led both teams in scoring with 13 points.

The Bluebirds:				Hq. Btry. (21)			
Medics (25)	G	F	P	G	F	P	P
Coker, f	2	0	4	Lark, f	3	0	6
Stankovic, f	2	0	4	Baumgart, f	0	0	0
Carry, c	3	1	7	Eckleberger, c	4	5	13
Shaw, g	3	1	7	Volpe, g	1	0	2
Canine, g	1	1	2	Mangan, g	0	0	0
Totals	11	3	25	Totals	8	5	21

60 Major Leaguers In Armed Services

Baseball's two major leagues have lost 60 players to the armed services since the 1943 World Series, a survey discloses. Heaviest contributors to the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines are the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals who have sent seven players apiece into service since last fall.

Latest big leaguers drafted are Enrie White, St. Louis Cardinals left-hander, and Norman Brown, Philadelphia Athletics pitcher. Classified 1A are Billy Johnson, of the New York Yankees; Paul Richards, Detroit Tigers catcher, and Bill Lohrman, Brooklyn relief pitcher.



Soldiers to Vote In Three States

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ballot, a soldier must fill in and mail a special application form furnished by Pennsylvania. He may request this form in one of two ways: by writing to the Secretary of State or by mailing the post card available in camp, on which card the soldier should write that he wishes it treated as a request for an application form for state absentee ballot. If he wishes the state absentee ballot, he should send for the special application form at the earliest possible time. When he has obtained the ballot and executed it, he must mail it in time to reach appropriate local officials by Apr. 25 if it is an "official war ballot." If it is a state absentee ballot, it must be mailed by Apr. 25 and received by appropriate local officials by May 5.

Nebraska Primary

The Nebraska primary will be held Apr. 11. Soldiers having voting residence in that state may apply for state absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Nebraska. The soldier may obtain this form in two ways: by writing to the Secretary of State, Lincoln, Neb., or by mailing the post card which is available in camp, on which card the soldier should write that he wishes it treated as a request for an application form for state absentee ballots. This request, by either method, should be made at the earliest possible time. The earliest date on which the state will mail out absentee ballots is March 12, and they must be executed and mailed by Apr. 10 at the latest, and must be in the hands of appropriate local election officials by Apr. 13.

Louisiana Election

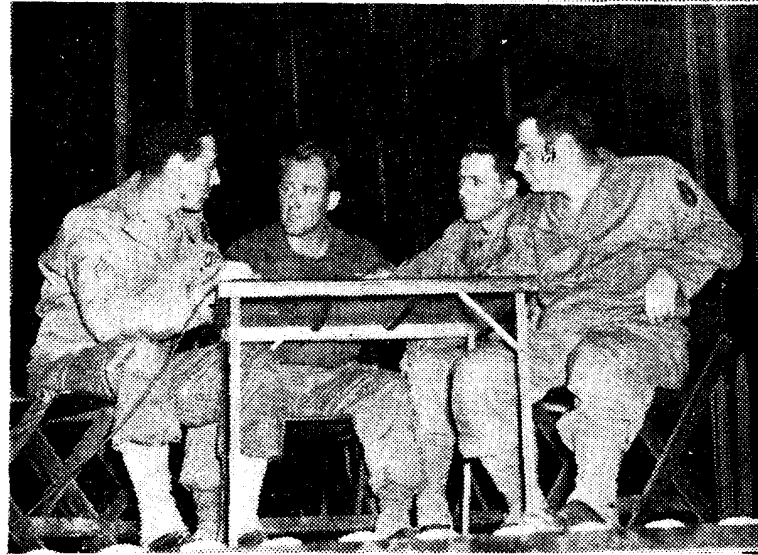
The Louisiana election will be held Apr. 18. Soldiers having voting residence in Louisiana may apply for state absentee ballots, covering state and local offices, either in accordance with Louisiana law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, La., the post card available in camp. The State of Louisiana will accept such post cards as applications for state absentee ballots. Applications should be mailed so as to reach Louisiana shortly before March 18, which is the earliest date on which the state will forward absentee ballots. The ballots must be executed and in the hands of appropriate local officials by Apr. 17.

U. S. Soldiers Taught Basic Japanese Course

KWAJALEIN ATOLL (CNS)—Yanks of the Seventh Division took a short course in the Japanese language before landing here. The phrases they learned were:

- "Drop your rifle."
- "Come out of that hole."
- "Put up your hands."

CHICAGO—The National Safety Council reports that 94,500 persons were killed and 9,700,000 persons injured in accidents which cost losses amounting to \$5,000,000,000 during 1943. Of the casualties, 41,500 workers lost their lives on or off their jobs. The council estimated that the time lost because of mishaps was equivalent to a complete shutdown for a full year of plants employing 150,000 workers.



DIVIDE AND CONQUER, the Nazi policy which began to show its effects nine years ago, is the title of an orientation skit presented in various theaters and rec. halls by Div. Special Services. The large photo shows the map on which Hitler's conquests are dramatized by Special Services actors. Lower photo shows S/Sgt. Robert Case, Co. H, 255th Inf., telling some of his experiences and observations in the Sicilian campaign to other men of the 255th who saw the orientation skit. Left to right are Cpl. Jerome Shore, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Sgt. Case; Pfc. Thomas Meehan, Co. C, and Pfc. Harold Bolton, Serv. Co.

Castings for March Shows Set by Division Artillery

Castings of "Button Your Lip," a musical comedy based on a prize winning Army Play, is complete and plans for its production and that of a United Nations stage festival, both in March, are under way by the Div. Arty. Special Services Office.

"Button Your Lip" was a one-act farce presented in New York last June when the Army opened a series of prize-winning one-act plays. It has been turned into a musical comedy by Pvt. S. J. (Cy) Bernhard, Hq. Btry. Div. Arty., Special Services assistant who will direct both productions.

Play in Rec. Halls

The show will play in all recreation halls before being shown outside camp, and requests already have been received to present it in Natchez and Baton Rouge. In Baton Rouge it would play one or two nights under the sponsorship of Louisiana State University, the proceeds to benefit recreation activities of the 63d Inf. Div.

Four hits with new lyrics are among the many musical numbers which will be heard in "Button Your Lip." They are "I Look Bad in Uniform," "She Did It for De-

fense," "Lament of the Second Lieutenant" and "Slip of the Lip," the latter a "jump" song about rumors.

The cast has been selected not only from Div. Arty., but from other units of the Division. It will include a chorus, quartets and the following men: Pfc. John Larkin, Serv. Btry., 862d F. A.; Pvt. Joe Dolin, CT White Special Services Office; Pfc. Arnold Spector, Div. Special Services; T/5 William Federer, Hq. Btry., 718th F. A.; T/5 Milan Milkovitch, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty.; Pvt. Al Lewin, Co., G, 254th Inf.; Pvt. Raymond O. Hagen, Btry. C, 718th F. A., and others.

Latin-American Dances

Latin-American dancers from Louisiana State University will be a feature of the United Nations show. Authentic Latin dances, including the conga, samba, rumba and tango, will be presented in a cabaret scene.

With short plays, music and stereopticon projections, the show will tell the story of many of the United Nations, emphasizing the resurgence of the spirit of freedom in those countries invaded by the Germans and Japanese.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS.

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yer." gives free legal advice to the boys of Co. B... Pvt. Woodrow Smith has written a hillbilly lament entitled "The Stills in the Hills of Tennessee"... Lt. Sam Lewis, PTD orientation officer, dramatized on a simulated radio broadcast the recent disclosure of Japanese atrocities practiced on American prisoners. Pvt. Jerome Waldstein enacted the part of Comdr. Melvyn McCoy, who escaped from a Japanese prison camp... S/Sgt. Hugh Warren, Co. B, a veteran of World War I, has three sons in the armed forces... Pvt. Paul Hagerty, Co. B, is one of the few Americans who want to do business with Hitler. "It won't cost Hitler a cent," says Hagerty, a former Philadelphia undertaker.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Promotion of Sgt. George F. McAndrew, G-2 Sec., to staff sergeant was announced this week... Stripes, rockers and a diamond were conferred on Sgt. John M. Phillips, formally appointed acting first sergeant of Hq. Co.

Bill Gives Vets Preference for Civil Service Jobs

A bill granting veterans preference for Federal civil service jobs was introduced in the House of Representatives last week and, because it has the backing of the three major veterans' groups as well as the Civil Service Commission, it is expected to have smooth going in Congress.

Among its provisions, the new bill includes the following:

Disabled veterans will continue to get 10 points extra on civil service examinations. Other veterans will continue to get five points extra. Both rules, however, will be made a matter of law, instead of mere regulation as at present.

Reserved for Five Years

Competition for jobs as guards, elevator operators, messengers and custodians will be reserved exclusively for veterans for five years after the war. So will certain other classes of jobs, to be designated by the President.

Federal agencies which refuse to appoint qualified veterans recommended by civil service will be required, by law, to state their reasons in writing. Civil service then will decide whether the reasons are adequate.

Veterans will not have to meet ordinary requirements of age, height, weight and general physical condition, providing such requirements are not essential to their duties.

Disabled Vets at Top

Disabled veterans will retain their right to be placed at the top of any civil service register (list of candidates) for which they qualify. However, this will not apply to professional and scientific jobs at more than \$3,000.

Federal agencies which have to reduce personnel will be required by law to discharge veterans last. To make sure there is no slip-up, they will be obliged by law to follow the commission's carefully-worked out procedure for reduction in force.

Veterans who think their legal rights have been violated will have the right of appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

If length of experience is a factor in determining a veteran's grade on a civil service examination, he will be permitted to count time spent in military service. This will apply, however, only to veterans who had actual experience before going into uniform.

'Enemy' Is Beaten In Attack on Hq.

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quarters sections working like well-oiled machines, even though they lacked full field equipment. APO 410, for example, carried on the distribution of heavy Division mail from a single CP tent and regular mail racks strung around the area under trees. The portable, folding racks which will be used under regular field conditions have not yet arrived in the department. There was also the problem of unit mail clerks arriving at field headquarters with their mail sacks, and having to lug them one-half mile from motor pool to APO.

Passwords a Problem

A number of soldiers from camp units were dispatched to the headquarters without prior knowledge of the password or countersign; every day a number of trucks were stopped just outside the bivouac areas and the drivers vigorously but vainly argued with the outpost guards. Due to the widespread dispersion of the units, there was also some slight difficulty in men of the headquarters units themselves obtaining changed passwords.

Since the problem was a purely tactical one, all personnel conducted themselves throughout the week period as though they were under combat conditions, wore "tin hats" and gas masks and were under arms the entire time.

ALBANY, N. Y.—The number of births in New York State, exclusive of New York City, reached an all-time high last year and marriage licenses dropped to pre-war level. There were 115,504 births reported in 1943 as compared with 113,216 the previous year.