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## 263d Engineers Build Camouflage Area for Division

### Special Officers' Course To Start Next Week; Men to Be Trained

A special course in camouflage will be conducted next week for officers of all Division units in a model area of approximately 20,000 square yards, especially constructed for this purpose by the 263d Engr. Bn.

On completion of the instructional course, this yardage in the vicinity of the present chemical warfare area will become available to unit camouflage officers for the schooling of men in their respective commands.

The actual work of preparing the 21 military installations was performed by the units which normally will use such emplacements, under the supervision of Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commander of the engineers. The engineers gave technical advice and assistance and provided the units with the materials necessary to achieve concealment according to plans conceived by the S-2 section of the 263d.

The 253d Inf. was responsible for the erection and camouflage of an OP and a 57mm. gun emplacement. To the 254th fell the task of taking care of emplacements for a 50-cal. machine gun, a 60mm. mortar and a rocket launcher, while the 255th rounded out the infantry's assignments with concealment of two 30-cal. machine guns and an 81mm. mortar.

The installations of the units were 155mm. howitzer position complete with dummy howitzer and a dummy airplane, uncamouflaged, by Division Artillery; water supply point, field expedient paint shop, amphitheater, exhibits and wired paths, 263d Engr.; collecting station, 363d Med.; message center, 553d Sig.; ammunition dump, 763d Ord.; supply dumps, 63d QM; Div. CP, 63d Hq. Co., and a bivouac area by the 63d Ren. Trp. The latter also staged a sniper demonstration.

Lt. Harry W. Wyre, Division camouflage officer, and T/Sgt. Samuel D. Burrell, 263d Engr., directed the work.



"TELL ME PRETTY MAIDEN, are there any more at home like you?" is what soldiers in "Gay Nineties" sang last night when they saw these members of WAC Detachment at CT White Rec. Hall. They are, left to right: Pvts. Jean Lindley and Helen Apperson, T/4 Wanda Olszewska, Pvt. Sally Fort and Cpl. Marion Laylin. Also in the line, but not shown in picture, were Pvts. Philena Porter and Alice Jacobs.

## Gay '90s Revue; GI and Wac Show Opens 3-Day Run

First Theatrical Production of Red, White and Blue Combat Teams and Wacs Is Well Received by Soldiers of CT White

Candy striped suits and rustling gowns replaced OD uniforms as members of the Division's Red, White and Blue combat teams joined with supporting talent from the Camp Van Dorn WAC Det. in the presentation of "Gay Nineties," which opened last night at CT White Rec. Hall.

The production, a musicale featuring a bevy of luscious Floradora girls and mustachioed dandies, also will be shown at 2100 tonight at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall, and twice tomorrow, at 1500 at CT Red Rec. Hall, and at 2000 at CT Blue Rec. Hall.

The show was presented under the supervision of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, recreation and athletic officer of CT White, and was directed by Pvt. Joe Dolin. It was the first production of its kind in which the three combat teams have

joined and which has been supported by talent from outside the Division.

The production swung along with background music provided by the

255th Inf. orchestra, directed by Pfc. Marlin Merrill. T/5 Danny Mendelsohn made original orchestrations of all music used in the show. After a breezy overture, the musicians swung into "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden," which introduced the members of the WAC Det. They were T/4 Wanda Olszewska, Cpl. Marion Laylin and Pvts. Jean Lindley, Sally Fort, Helen Apperson, Philena Porter and Alice Jacobs. Singing to the girls were T/5 Mordecai Bauman, Dolin, and Pfc. Evans.

Bert Moore, Irish tenor who in civilian life was a familiar voice to New York radio listeners, led the audience in the singing of two old favorites, "Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold," accompanied by old-fashioned lantern slides. Later he joined with T/5 Fred Weiner, 253d Inf., a former West Coast actor, in a song and patter act.

A specialty number, "My Gal Sal," was sung by Bauman, following which Weiner teamed up with Pvt. Alice Jacobs in a blackout skit entitled, "It Could Happen to You."

### Doubles in Brass

As a novelty skit, Dolin left the director's chair and played four roles in the melodramatic "Little" (Continued on Page 2)

## American Red Cross Opens Drive; 2,300 Division Men Aided to Date

### Col. Guthrie and Lt. Chapman Head War Fund Committee at Camp; Name Officers to Help in Division

The American Red Cross will open on Monday a month-long campaign at Camp Van Dorn for funds for its 1944 war work, it was announced last night by Lt. Bonnie M. Chapman, WAC, executive chairman of the War Fund Committee. Col. Robert E. Guthrie, commanding Camp Van Dorn, is (Continued on Page 2)

### Who Gets The Book?

Seventeen years ago, when he was in high school in Jersey City, Pvt. Harvey B. Vogel, Cannon Co., 255th Inf., bought a set of four books from a second-hand dealer. An acquaintance borrowed one of the books: Vogel moved to Brooklyn, and he never heard of either the acquaintance or the book again.

Last week Vogel was in the office of Lt. Mike Nadeo, athletic and recreation officer of CT Blue. He was browsing through a shipment of books sent by the USO for company dayrooms. Suddenly he let out a whoop and held up a book for closer inspection.

"If there's a certain name in it, that's my book," he said.

There it was, the penciled name of the first owner, with other identifying remarks, including a Latin quotation Vogel remembered writing.

Title of the book? "A Collection of Ghost Stories."

### Director Reports Assistance in Emergency Furloughs Is One of Largest Tasks of 63d Division ARC Field Office

Since the activation of the 63d Division last June, approximately 2,300 soldiers have been aided in some way or other by the Division staff of the American Red Cross, it was revealed last night by Lewis C. Robertson, senior assistant field director. This figure does not include countless men who have dropped into the Red Cross office behind the Natchez-McComb bus terminal on 15th Street for information con- (Continued on Page 3)

## Navy Veteran With 63d Eager for Action Overseas

After four years in the Navy, during which he served in peace and war on six continents, crossed the Equator at least nine times and twice was cast adrift in a life raft, T/5 James O. Barnes wants to go overseas with a combat outfit again, this time as a howitzer section driver in Btry. C, 863d F. A.

Barnes was a chief petty officer—the Navy's highest non-commissioned grade—when injuries suffered in a submarine sinking necessitated his discharge a year ago. He entered the Army last August.

Now Barnes, who will be 23 years old in May, has what he calls an "itchy foot for overseas" again. His brother is a seaman first class on a battleship, and Barnes has many former buddies in overseas theaters of operations.

"I want to go over with the howitzers, too," he says. "I'd rather be around big guns, and the howitzer is the nearest thing here to the guns we had aboard ship."

### In Asiatic Fleet

Barnes' extensive voyages were made on destroyers, cruisers, submarines and minesweepers in the waters of Australia, the Aleutians, Greenland, China, the Canal Zone,

the British Isles, South Africa, South America, the Solomons, Samoa and the Coral Sea.

A driver of overland freight trucks in Cheyenne, Wyo., Barnes joined the Navy in 1939, when he was 17. His first assignment was with the Asiatic Fleet, and his base was Chungking. His ship was a destroyer which took part in the Battle of the Coral Sea and which later was sunk in the Solomons.

His ship and another were assigned to accompany a destroyer tender. The three met the aircraft carrier Saratoga to sail to Australia, but on their way they ran into the Coral Sea engagement, and here Barnes' ship was damaged.

"A Jap torpedo exploded just off the bow, and the concussion knocked off two forward plates," Barnes said. "We were lucky; the torpedo must have been a dud, because if it had hit we'd have been goners."

### Torpedoed Amidships

After repairs at Sydney, Australia, the ship was sent to the Solomons. There she was torpedoed amidships and sunk. The crew (Continued on Page 2)

## Steak Dinners To Quiz Winners

Steak dinners will go to winners in a quiz program which will feature the weekly radio broadcast from the Servicemen's Center at Natchez tomorrow afternoon at 1605.

A team of six soldiers will face six nurses from the Natchez Hospital. The soldier and the nurse who survive will each win a steak dinner at the Eola Hotel. Pvt. Frank Holub of Hq. Co., Div. F. A., will conduct the quiz.

Last week's broadcast was highlighted by soloist Sidney Gans, a private in Co. M., 255th Inf. Pvt. Gans sang "Road to Mandalay." Pvt. Don Palo of Div. Band, accompanied the singer and played for the singing of "God Bless America," which closed the program.

## European Movie Pioneer Now Radioman in 255th

Your Army radio operator sometimes may be a bizarre and colorful character, but few can boast a background as variegated as that of Pvt. Stephan R. Sparks, of Hq. and Hq. Co., 255th Inf.

Radio operators traditionally are nicknamed "Sparks," but the Blood and Fire Division soldier really was born with the name. And pounding a key is a new occupation for him.

Tall, austere, gracefully mustachioed, meticulously courtly in the Continental manner, Sparks has been simultaneously a movie producer, director and writer, a playwright, novelist and radio scenarist. He has worked in four or five languages and in every movie capital of the old and new worlds in 22 strenuous years between wars.

One of the European pioneers, he was a mere 16 when he first got into pictures. He is personally responsible for about 40 films. They cannot be classified under a single heading, but include serious drama, straight comedies, musicals, mysteries and some outright horror

films. He wrote eight or nine, and either directed or produced the others. He pounded the type- (Continued on Page 7)



PVT. STEPHAN R. SPARKS

### Inter-Faith Group Addresses Soldiers

One of the most noteworthy ventures in religious co-operation is currently being carried on by teams of priests, rabbis and ministers representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

These teams have addressed more than three million soldiers in more than 400 Army camps and, in the opinion of one of the most ardent workers in this cause, "nothing like this in the way of religious co-operation has happened in history, at least not since the Reformation."

The War Department has been so impressed by the work of these teams that their visits to the camps have been incorporated in many orientation programs.

One of these teams, comprising the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S. J.; Dr. Joe Z. Tower, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Beaumont, Tex., and Rabbi Ely E. Pihchik, of Temple Israel, Tulsa, Okla., recently visited this part of the country, revealing in detail the work being done by the group.

Fr. Ahern, who is head of the Department of Anthropology and Geology at Weston (Mass.) College, disclosed that a seven-point peace plan, broadcast by the OWI recently in seven languages, is the work of Catholics, Jews and Protestants who together examined 100 peace pronouncements.

### Gay Nineties Show Starts 3-Day Run

(Continued From Page 1) Nell." The finale had Bauman and the girls singing the old favorite, "By the Sea."

Assisting Lt. Kately in the supervision of the production were Lts. Mike Naddoe, 255th Inf.; Richard L. O'Connell, Division Artillery; Patrick H. McVerry, 253d Inf., and Frances Hardesty, WAC Det.

Dolin was assisted in directing the play by Bauman, Weiner and Pvt. Cy Bernhard, of Division Artillery, and Pvt. Alice Jacobs, of the WAC Det. Pvt. Charles Lape, 254th Inf., designed the stage settings. Pvt. Howard Connolly, professional artist now with the 253d Inf., painted signs for the show and Pvt. Arthur Tamchin, 254th Inf., was stage manager.

### Juggling Act Tops Nat Rogers' Show

Mundeen and June, a veteran juggling duo, headlined the Nat Rogers show which plays in Division Rec. Halls during the past week. Augmenting this act was the Rogers trio of pretty chorines who presented several new routines in eye-catching costumes. Charlie Joy, funny man, and Emil Arp, playing the straight role, rounded out the bill.

United States railroads rolled up about 85 billion passenger miles in 1943.



### Red Cross Drive Opens on Monday

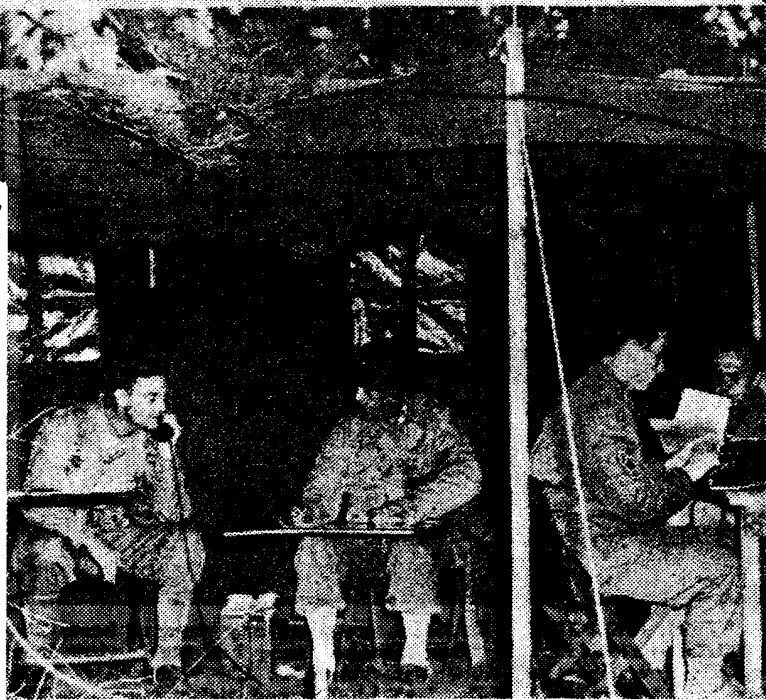
(Continued From Page 1) honorary chairman of the committee.

Lt. Chapman pointed out that the ARC has stood shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces since the United States entered the war, and that more than 10,000 men and women have been assigned to field units serving with the armed forces throughout the world. At Camp Van Dorn there are, in addition to the 63d Div. ARC field staff, a Red Cross building at Station Hospital to care for the needs of hospitalized soldiers and a field director for the camp personnel.

There will be no such solicitations for funds for the Red Cross as are made by many charity organizations, for all contributors to the Red Cross become members. As soldiers contribute to the fund drive their names and unit addresses will be registered and membership cards will be sent to them. There is no limit to the size of the membership donation.

To assist in conducting the drive in the Division, the following officers have been appointed:

Lts. Charles L. Borland, Jerry C. Legow and Joseph A. Tomaselli, 253d Inf.; Capt. Paul O. Hughes, Lts. Richard Lewman and Robert R. Sonoff and WO Walter J. Durkin, 254th Inf.; Lts. Ross W. Vick, Frank J. Barnes, Frederick H. Gille and Lewis H. Conley, 255th Inf.; Lt. Richard L. O'Connell, Division Artillery; Capt. Harry A. Miller, 861st F. A.; Capt. Maurice N. Giezantner, 862d F. A.; Lt. Anton B. Albers, Jr., 863d F. A.; Lt. Charles W. Schroeder, 263d Engrs.; WO Thomas E. Floyd, 263d Med., and Lt. Walter C. Hussey, Special Troops.



HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD are shown in the above photos. Gathered around the CP tent shared by Chaplain's, Special Services and Public Relations offices in the rear echelon, officers and enlisted men sing songs led by Div. Chaplain William E. Patrick, behind the organ. Pvt. Paul Taubman, former NBC organist, accompanied the singing on the chaplain's field organ. Below is shown the Division CP with the Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, center, consulting with Col. Earle G. Wheeler, chief of staff. At right are M/Sgt. Edwin Frazier and T/5 William Pollard, of Chief of Staff Sec. ★ ★ ★

### Aerial Observation Shows Poor Bivouac Camouflage

Last week when Division Headquarters went out on its first bivouac, an inexperienced observer went aloft in one of the Div. Arty. liaison planes to see what the area would look like to an "enemy" flying overhead.

Here are some of the things he spotted:

1—Along the highway there was one particular densely wooded area into which ran a veritable web of truck tracks, which even this novice could spot as a military installation of some kind, though the plane was several thousand feet high and a mile or more away.

2—Flying closer, the observer could clearly see at 2,500 feet little patches of white throughout the wooded area—these were the undershirts on men washing and shaving, and white towels hanging from tree limbs. Men who were wearing the new OD underwear, or were using the new OD towels could not be seen until the plane was directly over them, when the sun shone directly on them.

3—There was one dark green pyramidal tent in particular which housed an infantry regimental headquarters detachment which was clearly visible from above, though its location in a group of trees apparently gave the soldiers working there the false impression that they were well covered by natural camouflage.

4—There were several trucks parked along the motor paths in open terrain, and two of them in particular were parked out in an open field despite the fact that the group were on a tactical problem.

5—Several GIs had spread their blankets out in an open patch of ground, and this small mosaic of khaki was one of the first things to attract the attention of the aerial observer.

Reports from overseas indicate that the use of white underwear and towels helped the Germans to keep tabs on our movements in the early days of the North African

campaign. The new OD issue, though not yet popular among all servicemen, may save many a GI's life by aiding in camouflaging him while he is washing near the front. In training areas such as this, however, large numbers of the troops still have the old issue white underclothes.

The proper placing of tents and camouflaging them as a protection against land and air observation and attack is a subject which will at one point or another be taught to all personnel, and the few simple rules of camouflage are ones which must never be forgotten or overlooked. In lieu of the nets and strips of colored cloth which might normally be used in action stations to fully conceal an installation, a few live tree branches might be used.

The Division's Artillery Liaison plane—those tiny OD Piper Cubs which can be seen flying overhead (Continued on Page 7)

### Former Navy Man Seeks Action Again

(Continued From Page 1) spent six days in life rafts before being picked up.

Transferred to another ship on patrol duty off the South American coast, Barnes saw action against units of the Italian navy.

"One day in 'midsummer, 1942, we had been steaming through a fog and were off our course," he said. "Suddenly we came out of the fog and there, as surprised as we, were four Italian cruisers and two destroyers. The Italians fired on us. We were seriously outnumbered, of course. The other American destroyer got away, but my ship went down."

Only 44 of the 116 men on the ship got away in boats and cork rafts. They drifted far apart and lost contact with other American units until, 11 days later, they were picked up by a cruiser.

Barnes participated in the first landing on Kiska. His ship stood offshore from three to seven miles, firing on Japanese installations and guarding the landings by the Army and Marines.

#### In Suicide Squadron

Returned to the States, Barnes spent nine months in the submarine school at New London, Conn. He had started in the Navy as a fireman, but worked his way into the machine room and it was as a petty officer third class that he boarded a submarine for convoy duty off the shores of England.

As a chief machinist's mate he was sent to Greenland, through the Panama Canal to Samoa to refuel the sub and back to the Aleutians.

The Aleutian assignment was as part of the Asiatic Fleet's "suicide squadron," seeking out Japanese ships in the island harbors.

"We were riding on the surface one day early in December, 1942, when we were shelled, and I got a piece of shrapnel in my leg," Barnes said. "We made a quick dive, but a depth charge from a cruiser damaged our hull and we settled to the bottom after seven hours of slowly sinking."

Injuries and damage to his nervous system sent Barnes to a hospital, where he passed Christmas, 1942, and necessitated his release from the Navy.

After trying unsuccessfully to enlist both in the Merchant Marine and the Army, Barnes finally was drafted last August. He requested and received assignment to paratroops. At Ft. Benning, however, he was found physically disqualified for paratroop activities and last September he was transferred to the Blood and Fire Division.

Barnes' wife, Bette, and his 15-month-old son, Charles, live in Twin Falls, Idaho. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph S. Hamm, live in Mitchell, S. D.

### Chow Demonstration Given for CT Blue

Tactical feeding of troops in the field was demonstrated to officers, mess sergeants and cooks of CT Blue last week by Co. K, 255th Inf.

Capt. George W. Clark, company commander, explained that tactical feeding of troops eliminates the long waiting line and speeds up time consumed in serving meals by having small groups of men serve themselves.

Each step, from the first washing of mess kits to the last after eating, was gone through by the demonstrating company. The demonstration introduced for the first time here the new solution, Mikrolene, for sterilizing mess gear.

**The Wolf** by Sansone (South Pacific)

"S' funny how ya forget all about gals out here. I ain't thought of one for five minutes!"

### This Bull Session Called For a Tactical Retreat

Tactical silence enshrouded Co. H, 255th Inf., on a march one night last week, and the mortar platoon, with T/Sgt. G. L. Kirchoerfer in charge, was bringing up the rear.

Suddenly there was a flurry and excitement up front, and the sound of angry pawing and snorting. Kirchoerfer knew immediately that his men were facing an aroused bull.

"To the ditches!" he ordered. The order came a little too late, for the men already had decided that the ditches offered the best cover.

"Fix bayonets!" he shouted as an alternative.

Lt. Stanley G. Emmert sized up the situation rapidly and chose a nearby small tree from which to reconnoiter. He had to descend, however, when he bumped into three brave soldiers who had already advanced up the tree to act as snipers.

The bull stood his ground a half hour, then hoisted his tail like a victory banner and stamped away. The mortar platoon collected its military dignity and caught up with the rest of the company and, in discreet silence, completed the rest of the march.



# Rise of Russia to Power Told at 254th 'Town Hall'

How the Russian people were able to thwart Hitler's thrust to the east and how they became one of the pillars of the United Nations was told to men of the 254th Inf. last week at the first outdoor session of the "Town Hall" orientation series.

The session was taken into the field because the battalions were engaged in tactical problems, and realism was added to the setting when P-47s roared close over the 3d Bn. during a discussion of the Polish-Soviet border dispute.

T/5 Nathan Guttman, moderator of the orientation team, opened the program with a quotation from Prime Minister Churchill, who said that "Russian policy is a riddle wrapped up in a mystery inside an enigma." Guttman promised that the speakers would clear up part of this mystery as they showed the strong ties holding together the Big Four, as well as the internal differences that give each nation its peculiar character and strength.

### 'Greatest Resources'

The economic resources of Soviet Russia are the greatest in the world, said Pfc. Samuel Clark, former history professor at Brown University. He pointed out that by national planning—the Five Year Plans—the USSR was able to build an industrial society in a short time. Although only 3 per cent of the population was composed of industrial workers at the beginning of this century, more than 30 per cent now are in that category.

The military phase of Russia's present life was discussed by Cpl. Douwe Stuurman, former Rhodes scholar.

"Many experts expected Russia to collapse in three or six weeks after the Nazi attack began June 22, 1941," he said. "But the Red Army, backed wholeheartedly by the Russian people, fought the enemy to a standstill. Although half of the army is of party Communists, the other half is of plain Russians who are fighting for their homelands. However, most of the higher officers are Communists. The purges a few years ago eliminated career soldiers who were betting on the wrong horse."

Cpl. Stuurman recommended "The Russian Army," the recently published book by Cpl. Walter Kerr, of G-2 Sec., Div. Hq., as a good account of warfare on the eastern front.

Pfc. Gino Bardi elaborated on the political changes in Soviet Russia and its international policies.

"Autonomy granted the 16 Soviet republics is in line with Soviet policy of allowing national freedom within the USSR," he said. "These republics cannot be compared with our 48 states, because they have different national and linguistic groups."

Russia was forced into isolation by the Munich pact, Bardi declared, and signed a pact with Germany in 1939 to win time to reorganize its army for the inevitable clash with Nazism.

Bardi concluded with a challenge to "get rid of old notions that all Russians are bearded Bolsheviks, with thick accents and bombs in hand, unwashed and ignorant."

"Russia today is a modern industrial nation," he said. "Its people are serious and eager to build their own system in peace and security, just as we, the British and the Chinese are."

The "Town Hall" series is directed by Lt. George S. Hoar, 254th Inf. orientation officer.



DIVISION SURGEON is Maj. Guy G. Shaw, Jr., who has succeeded Lt. Col. George G. Guiteras. Maj. Shaw was formerly assistant division surgeon.

### Sage Observation

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General of the 63d Div., overheard a sergeant coaching his men during the Division's first CPX bivouac.

Said the sergeant: "In civilian life you men thought you wore shoes to keep your feet DRY—but in the Army the only reason you wear them is to protect your feet." That's a pretty sage observation, sergeant, particularly with all the rain we've had.

### Gandhi's Wife Dies While in Internment

LONDON — After 61 years of marriage with the Indian leader, Mrs. Mohandas K. Gandhi died recently in internment at Poona, India.

Suffering for months with intermittent heart attacks, the frail little 74-year-old "woman nobody knew" died at the Aga Khan's palace where she had been confined with her husband since his arrest last Aug. 9 when the All-India Congress adopted its resolution advocating civil disobedience and Indian independence.

She was married to Gandhi when both were 13 and almost illiterate, a condition not unusual even among high caste women of India of her time or the present.

# New Law Provides Mustering Out Pay In Monthly Shares

If you happen to be a soldier, sailor, marine or coast guardsman who has tangled with the enemy in Europe, Africa, Asia, in the Pacific or in the fog-bound Aleutians, or served with our armed forces at any other post overseas, you're going to get \$300 to put in your pocket when you come marching home for good.

If you're a serviceman who has served more than 60 days in the continental United States when discharge time comes around, you will get \$200 in two monthly payments. And even if you're just a GI with less than two months service on your record, you'll get a present of \$100 from Uncle Sam when it's time for you to go home.

These are the principal provisions of the servicemen's mustering out bill, which became a law recently.

This legislation affects virtually all the nation's servicemen and women up to and including the rank of captain in the Army or equivalent ranks in the other services. Also affected are many of the 1,300,000 men and women who have been discharged from the services since December 6, 1941.

### Some Are Ineligible

Not eligible for these payments are persons discharged under dishonorable conditions; those who at the time of their discharge were returned to the inactive list and those discharged or released from active duty to accept employment who had not served outside the continental limits of the U. S. or Alaska.

Air Corps reserve officers, who already are entitled to receive a lump sum payment on their return to inactive duty are not eligible for the additional benefits. Neither are members of the armed forces whose total service has been as students detailed for training under the ASTP, the AAF college training program or any similar program in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

West Point and Annapolis cadets and officers above the rank of captain complete the list of ineligible for discharge payments.

# Div. Red Cross Has Aided 2,300

(Continued From Page 1) cerning train schedules, and similar incidents.

Primary assistance given to Division personnel has been in the matter of verification of the need for emergency furloughs brought about by family illness or home conditions, Mr. Robertson said. In such cases, the field office communicates with the local ARC chapter as soon as the soldier notifies them that there is a condition at home which he feels necessitates his being there. The local chapter investigates the case, and if it determines that the soldier's presence is needed at home, it wires the field office here, which passes the report to the soldier's unit commander. In most cases, emergency furloughs are granted immediately upon recommendation of the ARC.

Sometimes while soldiers are home on furloughs, situations arise which might call for an extension of the furlough. In such cases the field office again calls upon the local chapters to investigate.

Field offices sometimes are called upon to act as investigating intermediaries in cases where soldiers seek discharges from the Army on grounds of dependency, or extreme hardship imposed upon their families by their being in the service.

Another important task which the Red Cross has been called upon to perform is to aid expecting mothers. Local ARC chapters handle maternity problems, and assist in obtaining U. S. government assistance in handling the confinement of soldiers' wives.

Robertson said that so far the Division ARC field office has not accompanied Div. Hq. on field problems because all its communications are direct through the camp, but whenever and wherever the Division moves into the field, the four-man ARC staff will move with it.

**CAMDEN, N. J.**—Operation of a post-war helicopter service with some 30 stations throughout New Jersey is planned by the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey. The company said it would apply to the Civil Aeronautics Board for permits to establish an air service to augment long bus hauls, but not to replace buses entirely.

**PONTIAC, Mich.** — Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson, of Oakland County, killed himself in his office while a friend listened over an open telephone circuit, unable to intervene. Wilson telephoned the friend and announced, "Well, Charlie, this is it." Before the other man could reply he heard a shot.

**PHILADELPHIA**—Plans for neighborhood war memorials should be put aside until after the war, the Philadelphia Art Jury said in its thirty-third annual report. The jury has criticized the city council's approval of sites for what it calls "unsuitable" memorials.

**NEW YORK**—An award for "eminence in literature" promises to relieve the poverty which has befallen the once fabulously successful poet, Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology." The 74-year-old author was taken to Bellevue Hospital from a hotel room where he was found suffering from an illness induced by impoverishment, his physician said. He had been living on royalties from poems published more than 25 years ago.

**WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.**—Delphine Dodge, an heiress to the Detroit automobile fortune, and Pvt. Robert John Petz, a Detroit stationed with the USAF at Rhode Island State College, were married here.

**PHILADELPHIA**—Two prisoners serving sentences for holdups in Delaware and Montgomery counties, made a daring daylight escape over the walls of the Eastern State Penitentiary, only to be caught within a few minutes by armed prison guards.

**BUFFALO**—Five of eight prisoners who broke out of the new "escape-proof" Erie County jail in downtown Buffalo were captured in stolen automobiles in different parts of Western New York.

**CHICAGO**—Gordon L. Pirie, 68, vice-president and general manager of the Carson Pirie Scott Co., Loop department store, is dead. He was the son of one of the founders of the firm.

**SCRANTON, Pa.**—Edward J. Mahan, 75, who boasted he could give a man a good haircut in three minutes and consequently claimed the title, "world's champion barber," died at his home here.

**WINSTED, Conn. (CNS)**—Benjamin Epstein, 58, a junk dealer, died here. When his will was admitted to probate, it was disclosed that he had amassed an estate of \$1,500,000. He arrived in this country penniless from Kiev.

**PELHAM, N. Y.**—Cyril Hartman, Jr., who is 11 year old, has been in a plaster cast from ribs to ankles since September because of osteomyelitis, but he has not let that interfere with his contributing to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. During the recent drive he was unable to get out of bed, so he sold his prized collection of comic books and donated the \$2 he received.

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.**—Monday is a gasless day at the Army Ordnance Depot here. Everyone takes to public conveyances, walks or rides to work by bicycle.

# Deficiencies Vary In Motor Vehicles

Average deficiencies vary from 0.6 to 6.3 per vehicle in Division motor pools already visited by the Spot Check Team headed by Capt. James D. Huggins, a report from the Ordnance office disclosed.

The team still lacks a few units of having completed an inspection of the entire division and Capt. Huggins suggests perusal of Div. Memo. No. 5 dated Feb. 2, 1944, which allows motor stables two hours daily for vehicle maintenance.

A listing of the six units having the least number of deficiencies will be published upon completion of the Division spot check.

# Busman's Holiday

FT. DOUGLAS, Utah (CNS)—Pvt. James Russell Miller of Lewiston, Idaho, was given a week's holiday from his Mississippi Army camp. He spent it here—visiting his father, Cpl. Lawrence Miller.



THEY'RE IN ITALY and Sicily, which geologists say once were joined together. Nature separated them ages ago and for centuries blood has been spilled in military and political efforts to rejoin them. Gen. Eisenhower, in crossing the Strait of Messina, followed the footsteps of the Romans, Roger the Norman and Garibaldi. Sicily, two miles from the mainland, is the granary of the ancient world and, as the home of Ceres, the mythical birthplace of agriculture. Today it is a combination of orchard, vineyard, a garden of citrus fruits, grapes and olives. Southern Italy, mostly farmland, is nearly bald of forests. But its ragged mountain peaks have surprised even those Yanks from the Rockies, for there the fighting is a vertical warfare. In Italy "over the top" means "over the mountain top."

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## EDITORIAL

### WHY WE SAVE

The careful saving of waste paper makes a small but very definite contribution toward a shorter war.

Properly processed and mixed with other papers and pulp, waste paper goes to make necessary wrappings for bombs shipped overseas. It means more wrappings for torpedoes and engine parts and airplane wings and M1 rifles. It provides a waterproof, weatherproof container for rations floated ashore to Pacific islands or dropped from the air over European battle lines. It means that enough paper is made available to bring news from home to training camp and battle zone, to keep American soldier and civilian alike the best-informed in the world, to let in once again the light of public information on peoples long kept in the dark.

Soldiers who have been home recently have seen the tremendous civilian effort to save every usable bit of waste paper. Soldiers are willing to do their part, together with relatives and friends at home.

Containers for usable waste paper have been placed in offices, barracks, day rooms and elsewhere throughout the Division. Continue to burn greasy paper, old carbons, badly tattered wrappers. But put your old newspapers and magazines, your empty cardboard cartons, any other usable paper into the containers. When full, they will be picked up in a regular collection.

One box of old papers from your barracks does not look like much. A box from each of the hundreds of buildings housing the Division looks like a great deal—and it does a great deal to relieve a serious nationwide shortage.

### FOR VALUE RECEIVED

In our midst there are four civilian men of the American Red Cross. Some of them have been with us since the activation of the Division last June at Camp Blanding. They, or their successors, will remain with us at all times, and under all circumstances.

Senior Assistant Field Director Lewis C. Robertson has announced that to date 2,300 Division men have been directly helped by the Red Cross office—not counting hundreds of unrecorded requests of timetables, railroad fares, information, etc.

This costs money. The field offices—and there are 10,000 men and women engaged in this work—are all supported by the American Red Cross War Fund, which is making a nation-wide membership drive during March.

At Camp Van Dorn, the membership drive will be conducted Tuesday. Let's show the Red Cross men that since they're always with us, we're with them too.

The War Food Administration rejected 500,000 pounds of Argentina butter for the Army, Navy and lend-lease use because it had only an 89 score and a "barny" flavor. Civilians will not get it, however, to eke out their butter rations; it was sold to the baking trade.



They're always with US!  
Are you with THEM?  
Support the American Red Cross.

## News from Here and There

### 169-Year-Old Fort On Stand-by Basis

OSWEGO, N. Y.—Fort Ontario, the oldest garrisoned fort in the United States, has been placed on a stand-by basis ready to resume operations if necessary. Military personnel has recently been withdrawn from the fort, built by the British in 1775.

### No More War Medals For Dog Battle Heroes

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—War Department medals designed for soldiers no longer will be awarded to dogs, William Thomas, past national commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, said he had been informed by the Adjutant General's Office.

He quoted a letter from Maj. Gen. J. A. Uilo, the Adjutant General, saying the award of the Silver Star to Chips, a 4-year-old dog credited with wiping out an enemy machine gun nest in Italy, would be permitted to stand, but no more such awards may be made. The dog also was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

The dog's owner, Mrs. Edward J. Wren, of Pleasantville, N. Y., said she believed Army dogs should be allowed to receive medals, but had a feeling that Chips might have appreciated a pound of hamburger more than the DSC.

### Wac Uniform Rules Set Same as Those for GIs

WASHINGTON—Regulations for the wearing of uniforms by members of the WAC now are the same as those governing the wearing of the Army uniform by men, the War Department announced last week. The uniform now is worn by all individuals in the WAC at all times, on or off duty. Just as in the case of men in the Army, WACs may wear sports clothing when engaged in games and they may wear civilian dress when dining at home with not more than two guests.

### Doughboys Get Double Equipment Issued in '18

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The Army equips its soldiers with twice as many items of clothing and equipment as it did in World War I, but it spends no more per man. Figures from a post newspaper published in 1918 and just unearthed here show that 23 items of clothing were issued to each doughboy in World War I and they cost slightly more than \$100. Today 57 items are issued to the soldier going across at a cost of \$105.35. Typical is the cost of shoes. Two pairs cost \$10.20 in 1918. Today the price is \$7.90.

### No Smokeless Powder; It's Insecticide Now

WILMINGTON, Del.—Equipment which previously was used to manufacture explosives now is making DDT, the Army's powerful new insecticide. The British no longer need the smokeless powder produced by the plant, part of the Hercules Powder Co., but the American Army needs the insecticide.

### Buck Private Income \$1,700 Yearly Says OWI

WASHINGTON—Buck privates, you earn \$1,700 a year. At least this is the way the OWI figures it: Cash, at \$50 per month, \$600; food, at \$1.50 per day, \$574.50; barracks shelter, \$120; equipment and replacement, \$170; medical and dental care, \$100; savings on insurance, \$63.40; savings on cigarettes, \$10.95; savings on laundry, \$32.50; savings on postage and barber, \$28.65.

### Inductees Made Eligible For Disability Pension

WASHINGTON—The Senate has passed and sent to the House a bill making persons eligible for pensions who were disabled while traveling to induction, even though they had not yet been sworn into service.

### Nazi Publication Lauds Eisenhower as 'He Man'

MADRID—Gen. Eisenhower is the subject of a laudatory article appearing in the current issue of the Munich newspaper, Neueste Nachrichten, a Nazi publication with wide circulation.

In the article, which has been circulated here, the Allied commander is described as a man of athletic appearance, with a well-formed head and jaw showing "great will" and as a man "whom his countrymen would call a he-man." The article also praises Gen. Eisenhower's personality and ability without a single disparaging comment.

### Exploding Glass Seen By Yanks in London

LONDON—GIs in London have encountered a phenomenon here they never ran into back home—exploding beer glasses. More than one thirsty American has seen a waitress set a big glass of brew before him, and then seen the glass blow up in his face.

Experts explain that this strange occurrence is not due to the beer, which isn't explosive, but to defective glasses. Over-toughened, they fly to pieces on contact with a warm table.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Marvin E. Kausler  
(254th Inf.)

The grab bag or fish pond are standbys of surprise at parties. You pay your dime and grab or fish, wondering what you are going to get. It's never much, because you did not pay much. Even in so trivial a thing the question always persists, "What am I going to get?"

The psalmist raised that question once and answered it with a ringing affirmation. "Thou art what I get from life, O Thou Eternal." Fortunate man we would say, because one cannot get any more than that. He had taken a searching inventory and that was his discovery.

If you will, ask Judas what he got from life. He hangs his head in shame as he replies, "I got nothing out of it but a broken dream, a rope and a suicide's end." He thought he could buy the Master of life, but he sold himself to sin. Ask Peter. "What did I get?" he reiterates. "A cause—something eternal worth living for; someone eternal worth dying for—my Master." Dare you ask the Master. He answers, "All I got was a borrowed bed to be born in, a criminal's cross to be crucified on and a given grave. But beyond that—I had a task—a God-given one. That mission I completed. To have my work to the satisfaction of God is what I got out of life."

We ask a soldier the same question—what are you getting out of life? Marches and mud he says—routine and more routine. Separations and lonely days. But is that all we ask. There had better be more, much more, enough more so that he can stand on his feet and say with the Psalmist, "Thou are what I get from life, O Thou Eternal." To all who can say that the presence of God comes so that whatever happens or wherever it happens he has an inner security that knows a peace that is better than understanding.

## G. I. Jingles

### FURLOUGH (Parody on Trees)

I think that I shall never know  
A word more lovely than FURLOUGH!

A word we utter day by day  
And for its consummation pray.

A word impressed upon our brain  
While slogging through the mud and rain.

A word we may in summer bear  
While now we'd rather be elsewhere.

Verse is made by GIs like me,  
But furloughs are made by Lt. Murphy.

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

### TIME'S AWASTIN'

Forward, turn forward, O Time in thy flight—  
Payday's tomorrow—could you make it tonight?  
I got a date with a beautiful dame,  
But my pockets are empty, my billfold's the same.  
The Sarge has been ogling my girl for days,  
The mug has been saving; with skirts he's got ways.  
He gives me a leer when he passes my bunk  
I know what he's thinking—the lousy punk.  
O Time, have pity, my head's in a whirl—  
I gotta get out to see my girl!  
Cripes, am I in a helluva plight—  
Payday's tomorrow, but my date is tonight.  
—OUR ARMY.

### PRIVATES

Who's the one who does the work?  
Such as detail and K.P.  
It's the Private and the other,  
The one who's a P.F.C.

Now the Corporal who is put in charge,  
Is just another fellow.  
A guy who happened to be lucky,  
To have a louder bellow.

The Sergeants are the men who wear,  
The stripes of higher ranks.  
They give you all the dirty work,  
And don't give any thanks.

So give me the life of a private,  
That carefree sort of way,  
No fears of losing stripes or rank,  
Or of ever going astray.

And when we get our pass to town,  
We really raise the roof.  
And you'll find it's not the Sergeant  
But the Private who's the "wolf."  
—OUR ARMY.

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

**861st F. A.**—New Pfc. ratings in Btry. C have gone to Pvts. Edward Furbee, Eugene Glanzman, Bibiano Morales, William Zaccagni, Raymond Hassert and Roy Games. . . In Serv. Btry. a stripe has been added and it now is Cpl. Oscar A. Wade. . . The marriage of 1st/Sgt. Julius A. Deisze and Miss Doris Beatty, of Baton Rouge, has been announced. . . Jill Elizabeth Parker arrived sooner than expected, but she and her mother are doing nicely and T/4 William Parker, Headquarters clerk, is receiving congratulations. . . New corporal's chevrons adorn the sleeves of these men of Btry. C: Frank Sciukauskas, John Kirkku, John Graves, Elbert Carroll and Jack Israelou.

**254th Inf.**—Two Pfc.s in the Co. A mess hall have been elevated to T/5. They are Raymond DeCamp and W. Schupp. . . Pvt. Arthur Januzzi, Co. A barber, now is doubling in brass. His talents have been lent to the mess hall, which he says is like "streamlining a Model T into a V-8". . . Pvt. Paul O'Connell, Co. A, was married on furlough in Detroit. . . Lt. George S. Allen, Co. C, is in a New York hospital with pneumonia. . . Pvt. Thomas A. Brestinsky has been detailed to assist Pvt. James C. Olsen, so that Co. C now has two barbers. . . Cpl. Daniel Dinges, Co. G, was married while on furlough. . . Pvt. Harold Smith is new orientation assistant to Lt. James Dollar in Co. G, succeeding Pvt. Isadore Rosenberg, transferred to Hq. Co., 2d Bn. . . Pvt. William Dubie, Co. G, was photographed with Miss Lillian Simmons, of McComb, when she became Queen of the Valentines at Service Club No. 2. The picture appeared in the Feb. 19 issue of BLOOD AND FIRE with Dubie's name spelled wrong. . . Promoted in Co. L were Willie Harrell, to technical sergeant; Wilbur Hass, to staff sergeant; Spencer Borden, to sergeant; Robert Bone, Edward Szdara and Victor Kenarski, all to corporal, and Quentin Kelly and Joseph Hernandez, to Pfc. . . Capt. Eimer A. Gross was greeted this week as new CO of Co. I. Capt. Gross, former commander of Co. K, 254th Inf., relieves Lt. George A. Thomy, who will be second in command in Co. I. . . Lt. Burrows G. Stevens, Co. I, has been assigned to the 3d Bn. . . Promoted in Co. I were James Melrose and Robert Shultz, to sergeant, and Harrison Woodcock, to T/5.

**255th Inf.**—Cpl. Joseph Mohilla, Co. I, put an engagement ring on a young lady's finger while back in Bayonne, N. J., on furlough. . . Recent births announced by men of Co. H were a son to Pvt. and Mrs. Ed Blaine of Franklin, N. C., and a daughter to Pvt. and Mrs. Hugh Collie, of Boston. . . Capt. Robert C. Stuart, AT Co., has been detailed to officers' advanced training at Ft. Benning, Ga. . . S/Sgt. Raymond F. Sabellico, AT Co., was visited on a three-day pass by his brother, Pfc. Jacob J. Sabellico, who is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., in an engineer outfit.

**718th F. A.**—Rudest shock of the month came to Pvt. Edward Cole, Hq. Btry., when he received a telegram from a Mrs. Cole, informing him he was the father of a seven-pound baby girl and that mother and child were doing nicely. Cole is 18, just out of high school and still unmarried. Subsequently the telegram was delivered to the right Cole. . . Recent promotions in Hq. Btry. include those three Pfc.s, to T/5: James Dishaw, Cyril Joyce and William Woods. . . Cpl. John F. Scott, Btry C, seriously injured in an automobile accident, now is out of danger. . . Back from The Artillery School mechanics' course at Ft. Sill, Okla., is T/4 William Wade, and headed that way, to radio school, is T/4 Warren F. Ferrarini. . . Lt. Andrew Jackson has been detailed to Btry. C in an exchange with Lt. Ralph West, detailed to Serv. Btry. . . Latest promotions in Btry. C include Peter Odorfer, Robert L. Novak and George V. DiGido, all to T/5, and Pvts. Marrison L. Spry, Joseph C. Batove, John E. Hofe, John E. O'Reilly and David C. Renowden, all to Pfc.

**Prov. Tng. Det.**—The personnel of Co. C. has been absorbed by A and B companies. . . Pvt. William Mowrey, Co. B, is part Indian and was born in a tepee in Oklahoma. . . Because Pvt. Isadore Goldman was a furniture manufacturer in civilian life, he recently was offered his usual quota of steel, but he advised the Government that he is not in a position to use it in his former way and advised officials to turn his share into shells. . . Pvt. Russel Goldman, former Rockford, Ill., attorney, is court reporter for the 254th Inf. Trial Advocate Board.

**Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.**—Two Pfc.s in the AG Sec. became T/5s this week. They are Gilbert C. Knoblock and Oliver R. Watson. . . In Hq. Co., Pfc. Alexander Premak was promoted to T/5. . . Latest addition to Hq. Co.'s complement of married non-coms is Cpl. Sam Rosen, who married Miss Kathleen Woodworth, of American Falls, Ida., in New York City Feb. 10. Cpl. Rosen and his bride met while students at the University of Idaho, where Mrs. Rosen is continuing her studies.

**263d Engr. Bn.**—Forty-one non-commissioned officers of the Engineers are wearing new stripes this week. Samuel D. Burrell, of the S-2 Sec., became a technical sergeant, Sgts. Gilbert K. Dille, Daniel G. Stadnyk and Joseph F. Welch were promoted to staff sergeant. New sergeants are Alger A. Gustafson, Paul A. Marchant, Otto V. Papik and Robert Martino. Other promotions were: Ellsworth L. Hermann, Lawrence F. Pfister, Howard L. Smith and Jacob Sherman, all to T/4; William R. Hansen, Douglas L. Phillips, Robert E. Sutton, Henry C. Van Splintern and Robert A. Patterson, all to corporal, and the following to T/5: John E. Hanawalt, Carl S. Rusnak, Lloyd L. Smith, Plynk K. Duvall, John H. Gallaher, Clarence W. LeJeune, Paul L. Ridgeley, Joe J. Rodriguez, Augustine G. Tibolla, Olin W. Wilson, Henry Bienkowski, James A. Booth, Howard B. Crawford, Ronald E. Deitrich, John G. Herron, John Kopp, Cornelius S. Lefante, Edward O. Lundahl, William S. Mertz, Edward R. Scott, Gerard J. Turnier, Vincent Bellino, John J. Krueger, and Albert S. Fow.

**63d QM Co.**—March 23 will mark the first anniversary of the 63d QM Co., which was activated at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. . . Pfc. Wiley Greer is a patient in LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans. He is a veteran of fighting in Casablanca, Iran, Tunisia and Sicily. . . Pvt. Jack Mirman, who collects automobile license plates, has another hobby; he saves specifications of all civilian vehicles dating from 1927 to the present. . . Pvt. Jerry Benner, mail clerk and QM reporter for BLOOD AND FIRE, did some radio sports announcing in civilian life. He was heard over stations WINS, WCNW and WHN, New York; WQAM, Miami, and WKAT, Miami Beach.



THEY LOVE THEIR WORK say these girls from the CT Blue area PX. Left to right they are: Velma Shannon, Wilda Hoagland, Jane Schumaker, Ann Champion, Pauline Feduccia, Geneva Stegall and Doris Moffatt.

## Army Wives As PX Clerks Are Typical American Girls

You walk into the PX to buy a candy bar and there are so many fellows crowded around the cute brunet with the ribbon in her hair that you can't get close to the counter.

Or you stop by to get some soap or toothpaste and the GI Galahads are strung up and down the edge of the counter like jays on a fence. Note that touch of difference in some, even though the uniform is the same. Note the snappy tilt to the helmet or the rakish lean to the cap. Why the difference? They're trying to impress the chic little trick who dishes out the soap and toothpaste.

How much of the soap she dishes out is soft soap? How much of the sweets she sells are bitter-sweet?

At PX 23, largest in the Division area, the clerks are all typical, pretty American girls who came here to be near men. Who are the men?—their husbands, in nearly every case.

### Army Wives

PX 23, which serves the CT Blue officers and enlisted men, is at 17th Ave. and 23d St. Behind its counters is a bevy of lovely young women whom have many things in common.

Velma Shannon, who works in the tailor shop, comes from Abilene, Tex. Her husband is Pvt. W. W. Shannon, Co. D, 255th Inf. They celebrated their third wedding anniversary Feb. 23, and Shannon has been in the Army three years.

Wilda Hoagland and A/Cpl. Lawrence D. Hoagland are from McKeesport, Pa. He is with the 120th Gen. Hosp., and has been in the Army more than a year. They have been married two years. Wilda formerly worked for a wholesale drug firm, but when her husband was transferred to Camp Van Dorn last April she followed him here.

Ann Champion was a housewife in Ironwood, Mich., before the draft blew through her life after four years of marriage. Then she closed the house and came to Van Dorn

to be near her husband, Pfc. Frederick C. Champion, Hq. Co., 2n Bn., 255th Inf.

### Snapshot Exchange

Doris Moffatt, who works at the jewelry counter, married Pvt. Alvah Moffatt, AT Co. 255th Inf., six months ago, just five days before he became a soldier. They are both from Decatur, Ill., where Mrs. Moffatt was a stenographer in a law office. She is a pert, brown-eyed girl who gets a kick out of tending an ear to the never-ending conversation of the men.

"I've seen more pictures of wives and babies," she says, "and I really like to see them. But I make it a two-way proposition—you look at mine and I'll look at yours."

With that, she pulls out snapshots of herself and her husband. Jane Schumaker and T/5 Waldo Schumaker, Cannon Co., 255th Inf., have been married 4½ years. Jane is from Lafayette, Ind., but she finished high school at Decatur, where she and Mrs. Moffatt were friends. Mrs. Schumaker was a secretary in an aluminum plant until she came to Van Dorn last November.

### One Mother in Group

The only mother in the group is Pauline Feduccia, of nearby Monroe, La. She has a 2-year-old son. Her husband, Pvt. Vince J. Feduccia, is in the 80th Inf. Tng. Bn. at Camp Roberts, Calif. The Feduccias have been married six years.

Geneva Stegall is the newest addition to the coterie, and the single exception—she is not married, but she admits that a private in Co. K, 255th Inf., has an option on her affections. Miss Stegall's home is in McComb, Miss.

The girls have formed definite opinions about men in the Army and, everything considered, they are happy.

"The men really are swell," one of them said, and the others nodded agreement. "Naturally, they'd rather be at home than here, just as we would, but they realize there's a job to do, a job they didn't have a hand in making.

## Army Allotments Exempt From Tax

Army wives and other dependents of Army men and women, with a single exception, need not pay income tax on family allowances or Class E allotments of pay, Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, announced this week.

The ODB is the activity of the Army Service Forces which administers these benefits for the Army.

Many inquiries have come to the ODB from anxious dependents of Army personnel, asking whether they should include the money they have received in family allowance or Class E allotment-of-pay checks as part of their "earned income" on the tax returns. The answer is No.

"The possible exception is the divorced wife who is receiving a family allowance or an allotment-of-pay in payment of alimony," the Director explained. "Such dependents should consult their local Internal Revenue office for a specific ruling in their cases.

"The majority of inquiries are from soldiers' wives or other dependents who are receiving the family allowance," he added. "The ODB gives them the good news on the authority of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 22 (a) states that the voluntary allotments and the charges made against the pay of the enlisted man under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, are not taxable to the assignees or dependents."

## "Great Guy" Is Feature CT White Movie Tonight

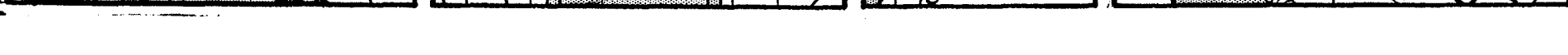
A revival of the movie thriller, "Great Guy," starring James Cagney, will be the feature of the weekly Saturday niter program at CT White Rec Hall tonight.

The film is scheduled to start at 1930 and admission will be free.

### BERNIE BLOOD

### Call for Atabrine

### By GILL FOX



# CT Blue Trips Unbeaten White Five, 37-32

## Losers' Late Bid for Victory Fails As Blues Take Lead in Combat Loop

### White Quintet's String Is Halted at 16 Straight In Game Played at Victors' Court Tuesday; Cpl. Meyers Stars for Winners

CT White, the only unbeaten Combat basketball team in the 63d Div., was bowled off its lofty perch by a fast-breaking CT Blue five that achieved a 37-32 triumph in the victor's Rec. Hall, Tuesday night.

Boasting 16 straight victories, including a 30-28 decision over this same Blue outfit, the Whites fell behind at the start and never managed to close the gap. They were within a point of tying less than two minutes before the final whistle but Pfc. Stan Sewinski's try for his seventh foul failed and the Blues came on with a pair of field goals to make their winning margin decisive.

#### Avged Second Loss

The result was hardly an upset. CT Blue entered the contest with only two defeats in 15 games. By this triumph it avenged the second of those setbacks, having previously whipped Harding Field to wipe out the stigma of its only beating by a non-Division team.

This eleventh straight victory on its own court gave CT Blue the Div. CT League lead with four triumphs and one defeat. The White has won three and lost one, making the prospect of a playoff for the league championship a strong possibility.

The home team got a step ahead of the White in the first minutes and kept there throughout the game. Its ball handling was brilliant and the finesse with which it executed its plays was evidenced in the fact that the great majority of its 16 field goals was made with lay-up shots under the basket.

#### Whites' Bids Fail

It was no disgrace to lose to such a team as CT Blue Tuesday night. Pfc. Lanzetti put the Blues ahead with the first basket of the game and seven times after that the Whites moved to within a point of a tie. Each time, however, the eventual victors withstood those scoring surges to pull away.

In the first half, which ended with the score 15-11, Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz kept the Whites in the running with his goal making.

While the undefeated combination blew a lot of shots, requiring almost nine minutes to get its first score, the Blue was playing a close game. Only Cpl. Jack Meyers among the Blue's starters failed to get into the point-making.

#### Meyers Stars for Blue

However, it was this same Meyers who just about determined the outcome of the game in the second half. Twice, with the score at 20-19 and 26-24, the Blue center sank shots that pulled his team out of tight spots. And, it was his fourth goal in the closing seconds that sent his team beyond the possibility of defeat.

This game followed a series of impressive victories for both teams. In a contest at Baton Rouge last week-end, Lt. Lawson M. Kateley's CT White put on a 22-goal performance to beat the Aluminum Co. of America five, 54-41. Previously, both the Whites and Lt. Mike Naddeo's Blues laced CT Red in league games, the respective scores being 66-41 and 56-34.

#### The lineups:

CT Blue (37)				CT White (32)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Bigos, f	4	2	10	B'kowitz, f	6	2	14
Koenig, f	0	0	0	Pfeiffer, f	0	0	0
Meyers, c	4	0	8	Sewinski, c	3	6	12
Lanzetti, g	3	1	7	Delellis, g	2	0	4
Sh'w'ch, g	2	0	4	Galb'th, g	0	0	0
McCord, c	1	2	4	James, g	1	0	2
Bokdins, f	2	0	4				
Totals	16	5	37	Totals	12	8	32

## Cannon Co. Captures Title In CT Blue Court Race

Division basketball teams have come into the homestretch leading to the championship eliminations scheduled to start March 6. One league champion has already been crowned and the other leagues are in the final phases.

First team to achieve league laurels was Cn. Co. five of the 275th Inf., which won its eighth straight game and the CT Blue crown with a throbbing 44-43 decision over Co. H early this week.

CT Red began its playoffs Thursday night to determine the two teams which will represent it in the Division tournament. Five combinations, each champion of a league within the Red circuit, are participating.

Three of the teams, Btry. A, 861st F. A.; Co. F and Co. K won their respective portions of a triple-header to qualify for the playoffs. Cn. Co. and Co. A previously had established their supremacy in other groups. The draw pitted Co. E against Co. K, with Co. A meeting the winner of that game. The triumphant team will play the victor in the Cn. Co.-Btry. A tilt for the CT championship.

In the CT Blue circuit, the first playoffs took place Monday night with a double-header. In the first

### 255th Inf. Cannon Co. Snares Another Title

Another chapter in the compilation of a most unusual sports record was closed recently when Cn. Co., 255th Inf., qualified for the Division basketball elimination tournament by winning the CT Blue league championship.

It marked the 15th straight athletic triumph for the company commanded by Capt. Robert M. Young since its organization. The defeat of Co. H for the court honors was its eighth straight victory. Previously, its football team had taken seven triumphs without so much as a single point being scored by its opponents.

portion Hq. Co. 2d Bn. walloped Co. E, 40-17. Co. M followed this performance with an equally impressive one, beating the Med. Det. 40-22.

The struggle for Green League honors continues to be between entrants of the 363d Med. Bn., almost to the exclusion of all other entrants. Co. C heads the standings with 10 victories and no defeats. Co. A holds second place with an equal number of triumphs but with a defeat to mar its otherwise perfect record.

Two games were played in this loop this week. The 763d Ord. Co. withstood a second-half rally to prevail over a furlough-riddled Div. Hq. five, 34-29, while in the other game the league-leading Medics won that No. 10 of theirs in the form of a 55-20 decision over an outclassed 563d Sig. Co. five.

### Engineers to Stage Ping-Pong Tournament

Ping-pong enthusiasts of the 263d Engr. Bn. will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their talents next month when a special elimination tournament will be held to determine a battalion champion.

Pairings for the first round are expected to be published next week. Matches will consist of best two games out of three.

### Bambino Cuts Cake On 50th Birthday

Babe Ruth can still cut the old cake. Celebrating his 50th birthday at his home in New York recently, the great man spaded a big bunk out of his birthday cake. Then the cake slipped from the table and landed, frosty side down, with a squashy plop on the floor.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS  
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### Month of Champions

The early part of March will see 63d Division championships decided in several fields of sport.

Plans have been completed for the first two teams in each of the four basketball leagues to play an elimination series to determine the Division champion. This is scheduled to start March 6.

A ping-pong tourney is projected for about the same time, as is a boxing tournament to determine the outstanding scrappers in the various weight classes.

## Goldstein Snares Ping-Pong Title

T/4 Martin Goldstein, of Hq. Btry. 862d F. A., carried off the silver cup symbolic of the CT White ping-pong championship after defeating Pvt. William Lovelace of Co. H, 254th Inf., in the CT White Rec. Hall, Wednesday night.

This match between the survivors of a series of eliminations which started with a field of 32 players required four games, the scores being 21-13, 21-17, 17-21 and 21-12.

Long volleys marked the bitterly contested final. Goldstein, however, played the steadier game. He repeatedly drove Lovelace out of position and smashed home point-winning strokes when they were required for game.

Goldstein and Lovelace each eliminated four contestants to enter the final round.

## Div. Officers Triumph, 31-30

A last-minute field goal by Lt. Jack Schroeder gave the officers of Division Troops a 31-30 victory over the officers of the 254th Inf., last week in Special Troops Rec. Hall.

WOJG Hutcheson, of the 563d Signal Co., center for the victors, held the Division officers in the game by scoring 10 of his 12 points in the first half of play. Lt. Johnny Smith of the Eng., diminutive guard, helped maintain the pace in the second half by paralleling his teammate's efforts with 12 additional counters.

Lt. Schroeder put the clincher on the victory with his running shot at the end.

Capt. Elmer Gross of the 254th led both teams with 13 points.

Div. Trps. (31)				254th Inf. (30)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Schroeder, f	2	0	4	Gross, f	6	1	13
Hewes, f	0	0	0	Williams, f	0	0	0
Hayne, f	1	0	2	Roberts, c	1	0	2
Laz, f	0	0	0	Litwak, c	0	0	0
H'ch'n, c	0	6	12	Monk, g	2	0	4
Smith, g	6	0	12	Culp, g	5	1	11
Rickard, g	0	0	0				
Colmer, g	0	1	1				
Totals	15	1	31	Totals	14	2	30

## Next Ring Champ May Be Army Man

CHATANOOGA—In the opinion of S/Sgt. Max Baer, who has years of experience to temper his judgment, there is a possibility the next world heavyweight boxing champion may come from the ranks of the Army of the United States.

In a recent interview, the former titleholder said Sgt. Joe Louis, who still carries the crown he wore in civilian life, is a standout now principally because of a lack of formidable opposition.

"But after the war," Baer added, "things probably will be different. There are a lot of the guys in the army who'll be in the picture then.

"Army life will help 'em, too—it'll teach 'em discipline and responsibility as well as condition 'em physically. This sort of living surely will develop many good fighters for the years to come."

Baer is now touring air force fields to emphasize the importance of physical training.

1st Sgt. Robert E. Ehalt of Brooklyn recently captured a Dodger fan in Italy. The captive, a German soldier, told Ehalt he left Brooklyn several years ago and has regretted it ever since. "He even asked me how the Bums did last year," said Ehalt.



CONTESTANT in the New Orleans \$5,000 War Bonds Open Golf tournament which started yesterday is Craig Wood, noted golf pro. Lt. Ralph E. Bond of CT Blue is one of the entrants in the tournament.

## Lt. Bond Entrant In Golf Tourney

The Blood and Fire 63d Div. has representation in the \$5,000 New Orleans Open War Bond Golf tournament which got underway yesterday on course No. 1 of the Crescent City Park.

Lt. Ralph E. Bond, CT Blue bond officer who played professionally for nine years prior to his entrance into the Army, is matching shots this week end with such stars of the links as Craig Wood, national Open champion; Harry Cooper, Joe Kirkwood and Jug McSpaden.

Lt. Bond, a Hoosier who made his home in Cleveland, is part-owner of a public golf course there which is now under the operation of Mrs. Bond and the wife of his partner.

## Tootikian Kayos Batove as 718th Splits With 254th

In a boxing show that carried all the action of a riot on Pier 19, the 718th F. A. Bn. team and CT White came off evenly in the matter off individual triumphs in the ring at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall, Monday night.

Each outfit won two of the seven bouts. One was declared no-contest and two others were voted draws by the triumvirate of judges, among whom was Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. commander.

#### Rough and Tumble

Two of the action-packed bouts wound up as knockouts with the lone CT White triumph in this category being the rowdiest fight of the night.

In this heavyweight bout the third round knockout of Pfc. Joe Batove by Pvt. Paul Tootikian was somewhat in the nature of an upset. Batove, a Pittsburgh lad representing Btry. C, had built himself up as something of a terror among Blood and Fire heavyweights with commendable fighting in previous bouts.

#### Tootikian Rallies to Win

In the second round, however, the tide turned toward Tootikian. The Detroitier from Hq. Co. 2d Bn., recuperated from a first round pasting to score a knock-down over Batove. Finally, Paul larrupped Batove with a number of lusty blows to the head and body in the closing minutes of the fight and laid the Cannoneer flat on his back, out cold.

This bout preceded the windup, in which Pfc. Dick Petterz, a Battery mate of Batove's, fought a draw with Pfc. Polock Kotchkoski of Co. K, 254th Inf. Both men displayed much skill as boxers and punchers and the decision of the judges met with popular approval.

Cpl. Jack Lee, a Chattanoogaan from Hq. Btry., achieved a two-round knockout over Pvt. James Burke, a welterweight from Philadelphia, who carried the colors of Co. L. Lee won despite handicaps in height and reach.

#### Knee Blow Ends Bout

The bout declared "no contest" was one of those unfortunate incidents in which a knee blow to the head of Cpl. Stanley Tresnick of Co. E, caused an injury which made it advisable for the medical officer to order the fight halted in the first round. Pvt. Bib McCoy of Charley Btry., was Tresnick's opponent.

Pvt. Frank Matorese of Co. L, took a decision over Pvt. Pat Cerbo, Hq. Btry., to give CT White its second point. In the other bouts, Pfc. Vito Lovecchio, Hq. Btry., beat Pvt. Ed Leverette, Co. F, and Cpl. George Digidio, Charley Btry., fought a draw with Cpl. Fred Lawson, Co. F.

## DIVISION BASKETBALL LINEUPS

GREEN LEAGUE				CT RED			
568d Sig. Co. (39)				3d Sv. Btry. (36)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Chapman, f	1	0	2	Gavigan, f	1	0	2
A'brose, f	5	0	10	McNeil, f	7	0	14
H'rbison, c	4	0	8	Bogan, c	11	0	22
Al'x'nder, g	0	0	0	Steinhart, g	3	0	6
Picciano, g	0	0	0	Mitchell, g	5	1	11
Totals	10	0	20	Totals	27	1	55

788d Ord. (34)				Div. Hq. (39)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Potoky, f	1	0	2	Needle, f	4	1	9
Duke, f	0	0	0	Finnigan, f	1	0	2
McGue, f	2	1	7	McAvoy, c	4	0	8
Titter, f	3	0	6	Whitfield, g	4	2	10
Or'm'ski, c	4	1	9	Gallagher, g	0	0	0
Tirrell, g	3	0	6				
Bowman, g	1	0	2				
Glick, g	1	0	2				
Totals	16	2	34	Totals	18	3	29

CT WHITE				Co. F (24)			
Medics (22)				Co. E (17)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Shaw, f	1	0	2	Rinaldi, f	1	0	2
Stankovic, f	2	0	4	Prece, f	1	1	3
Corey, c	3	1	7	Eggers, c	4	3	11
Farrell, g	2	0	4	Cox, g	1	0	2
Canine, g	2	0	4	Johnson, g	0	1	1
Cooper, g	0	1	1	Byers, g	2	1	5
Totals	10	2	22	Totals	9	6	24

Co. E (17)				Co. K (23)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Roberts, f	2	1	5	Walters, f	2	1	5
Tipton, f	0	0	0	Meinick, f	1	0	2
Lewis, c	0	0	0	Janssen, c	3	1	7
Hanick, g	1	2	4	Decker, g	1	1	3
Marshall, g	2	0	4	Kasnak, g	3	0	6
Totals	7	3	17	Totals	10	3	23

Co. E (17)				Co. I (22)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Roberts, f	2	1	5	Walters, f	2	1	5
Tipton, f	0	0	0	Meinick, f	1	0	2
Lewis, c	0	0	0	Janssen, c	3	1	7
Hanick, g	1	2	4	Decker, g	1	1	3
Marshall, g	2	0	4	Kasnak, g	3	0	6
Totals	7	3	17	Totals	10	3	22

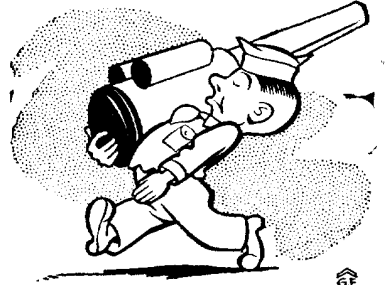
  

Co. E (17)				Co. H (43)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Roberts, f	2	1	5	Bigos, f	4	2	10
Tipton, f	0	0	0	Ant'wicz, f	1	2	4
Lewis, c	0	0	0	McCord, c	2	0	4
Hanick, g	1	2	4	Atwood, c	9	0	18
Marshall, g	2	0	4	Young, g	1	1	3
Totals	7	3	17	Totals	18	3	44

# TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Come to think about it, the last week or so I have sure been telling you folks how good you are. They say that when you start to thinking you're tops it's time to look out for maybe you're riding for a fall. Anyhow, most of the good things I've said lately were about your fine morale and willingness.

This week I think I will go tactical again and maybe I can do some of you a little good. My first tip is aimed at you ex-cannoneers and machine gunners who are now M1 toters. Maybe it's because you



are used to working in a group around a weapon a lot bigger than a rifle, but I have noticed that you want to bunch up.

I heard a story about a farmer and his son who went quail hunting. The dog pointed a covey of quail which began running along the ground. The boy wanted to shoot right away but the farmer said, "Wait, son, any minute they will get skeered and bunch up, and then we'll get a lot more." Well, boys, that's what the Japs and the Germans get when you gang up—a lot more.

The next thing I want to talk about is this security business in the field, in particular about this newfangled challenge, password and reply. Unless I'm cuckoo, the idea of the guard saying "Hayfoot" and your answering "Strawfoot," or sumpin, is to tell friend from foe, and if the enemy knows the words, they become worse than useless, for then he can just give

the password and walk in big as life and maybe bang you on the head along with it.

An old timer's idea as to how it should be done is—next time don't use a megaphone in challenging, but get some place where you can see him but he can't see you and when he gets close challenge softly. If you are being challenged, give the password in a whisper.

If the chap you're challenging is in a jeep, don't use the challenge word to halt him; say "Halt" and then approach the vehicle, or better yet, make him get out and come to you, then challenge him. This is the way I am doing it in my outfit because I feel that the challenge should be guarded just as much as the password. I don't want any enemy using our challenge word to get me to where he can bump me off.

Now just this one more tip. I don't know how it got started, but somehow a lot of you men have gotten the idea that you don't salute officers while in the field. Well, in my opinion you are all wet.



If anything, the salute is more important in the field than in camp. Why? Because discipline is more important and saluting and discipline go hand in hand. Of course, there are times when you don't, just as you don't salute in church. I don't think I would salute while crouching down in a foxhole. The best thing I can tell you is to use the old bean and when in doubt salute.

## It's a 7-Day Job But Rodgerettes Like Their Work

Redlegs and doughboys lead a tough life in the field, but there's a small group of girls called the Rodgerettes who work seven days and seven nights a week trying to entertain soldiers in the Louisiana-Mississippi area.

The Rodgerettes are singers and dancers who work for the Nat Rodgers theatrical enterprise, which plays a circuit of Army camps in this region. The girls live from suitcases, and when they're not pounding the boards of GI rec. halls and day rooms, they're traveling post-haste to the next camp in their battered old station wagon.

Captain of the present Rodgerette lineup is pretty, blonde Sugie Guinozzio, of Memphis, whose mother, Mable, used to accompany the girls on their long weekly swing. Nowadays, however, she finds the girls wear out their brief costumes so fast that she must remain at Alexandria, La., where she is devoting full time to pins and needles in her capacity as costumer.

Sugie is 19, and has been clicking her heels and tapping her toes for soldier audiences for two years. Prior to that she had opened a dance studio in her home town. She is the veteran of the line, the only remaining girl of the original Rodgerettes appearing here. The others have all either married or gone on to other shows.

There's another blonde who is becoming a favorite of officers and men of the Division. She's curvaceous Ginger Kaye, who joined the line eight weeks ago, after leaving a theatrical circuit in Texas. She is just 18, and was brought up in Breckenridge, Tex. In her second appearance at Camp Van Dorn, an actor from another troupe also appearing at the camp asked Ginger if she'd leave the Rodgerettes and go with him as vocalist of an orchestra he wanted to start. He offered to double her salary, but Ginger is still warbling for "the boys."

"I've been dancing all my life, and I love soldier shows," Ginger says. "In fact, I've been doing them ever since I graduated from Breckenridge High School last year."

Lally Deene, a little brunette fireball, is another of the Rodgers girls and, when she appears in her fetching Indian costume, she draws howls from the GI audiences.

In addition to the girls in the line, the Rodgers shows feature comics like "Boob" Brassfield, and specialty numbers. Although the Rodgerettes appear in camp only on alternate weeks, there is a Rodgers show at Camp Van Dorn every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

### 255th Orchestra Plays For 254th Inf. Dance

With Cpl. Danny Mendelsohn and his 255th Inf. orchestra pinching in place of the 254th musicians, many of whom are on furlough, men of the 2d Bn., 254th staged a successful dance Friday night, Feb. 18th, at the CT White Rec. Hall.

Girls from Natchez, Crosby, Ferriday and Baton Rouge were guests of the evening and were served a buffet supper. The hall was specially decorated in red and white streamers with a large decorative centerpiece featuring the entire scheme.



COWBOYS AND INDIANS would be a nice game to play with these Injuns from the wild and woolly Nat Rodgers show which appeared at Camp Van Dorn this week. They're Ginger Kaye, and Lally Deene, both of the Rodgerettes. They'll be back again a week from tomorrow to dance and sing at camp and Division rec. halls.

## European Movie Pioneer Now Radioman in 255th

(Continued From Page 1) writer and put the thespians through their paces first in his native Budapest, then trotted back and forth between Berlin, Vienna, Paris, London, Hollywood and New York. As a sideline, he turned out radio, dramas, plays and novels.

**In Movies by Accident**  
Sparks got into movies more by accident than design. When he was 16, he sold two short stories to a Budapest newspaper. One of them subsequently was bought by the only motion picture studio in Hungary. Sparks was hired to help make the movie adaptation. Ever since, he has been unable to tear himself away from the camera.

He has directed such European notables as Fernandel, the great French comic; Charles Vanel and Conrad Veidt, who came to this country after making his reputation in Germany. Sparks' professional intimates include such diverse characters as Bela Lugosi and Hedy Lamarr. He is full of admiration for both.

His last European film was produced in Budapest in 1939—"Gold Travels in Disguise," a historical film of Hungary's war of independence in the early eighteenth century. Shortly afterward, he came to this country on a brief visit. The war broke out and he was stranded here.

**Eager to Join Army**  
To keep the pot boiling, Sparks wrote for the radio in New York, and worked for Fox, Columbia and Paramount in Hollywood. Meanwhile, he was trying to get into the Army. Three times he was rejected. Finally, last Aug. 7, he made it, and was inducted at Ft. MacArthur, Calif.

He soon was sent to the 63d Inf. Div. and here he has been working on a novel he started as a civilian. At the suggestion of his company officers, he also has turned out a comedy about Army life.

Despite his literary efforts, Sparks maintains that his principal interest now is strictly combative.

Politically an anti-Fascist of long standing, he also feels a very personal stake in the war—a mother and child stranded in Nazi-dominated Budapest. After the armistice, he wants to bring them to this country.

Right now he is very sure he can bring them here soon. Last week, after six months in the Army, he took the oath of citizenship in the United States.

### Marine Ace Crashes Trying for 26th Kill

GUADALCANAL (CNS)—Lt. Robert N. Hanson, of Newtonville, Mass., Marine flying ace credited with downing 25 Jap planes, was killed near Rabaul, New Britain, February 3, while trying for his 26th, a mark that would have tied him with Maj. Joe Foss and Maj. Greg Boyington, the two top air aces of this war.

Lt. Hanson went on his last mission the day before his 24th birthday. His plane struck water after a strafing dive, however, and the gasoline tank burst into flames. His body was not recovered.

An ex-night club bouncer, Hanson downed his first Zero last August after he had but 25 hours flying experience in Corsairs. While covering the landing of American forces in Bougainville on November 1, he bagged three more and was downed himself. He spent six hours in a rubber boat before he was rescued by a destroyer. Later he shot down 14 Zeros in six weeks, including four in one day.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill.—Mrs. Alma Roby's little pig has been going to market since Christmas, but patriotic citizens are keeping the porker out of the butcher shop. Mrs. Roby bagged the 35-pound pig to Sheriff J. C. Beem. He donated it to a community sale—and it was sold 51 times, each buyer returning the pig. Total sales were turned over to the Red Cross chapter.

### Aerial Observation Shows Poor Camouflage

(Continued From Page 2.) every day, are primarily used to aid in the direction of artillery firing, and the officer pilots are all trained observers. To them the task of identifying military installations through such things as carelessly parked vehicles, or bathing soldiers, is routine.

The aerial direction of the artillery fire enables the gun crews to make quick and accurate corrections in range, and to know what damage they are doing. In addition to the pilot, there is room in the plane for an artillery fire control observer or photographer.

#### Heavy Savers

FT. OGLETHORPE, Ga. (CNS)—Two Wacs, Pvt. Emma Bassett of Portland, Ore., and Pvt. Minnie Weinstein of Philadelphia, are giving back to Uncle Sam most of the money he pays them for service in the WAC. From a salary of \$50 a month they are each buying a \$50 war bond for \$37.50 through the Army withholding plan.

NEW HEBRIDES (CNS)—A freighter hauled up its anchor here and found it had hooked a jeep lost overboard months before.

### Theater Schedule

THEATERS NOS. 1 & 2	
Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810	
Feb. 26	"Sweet Rosie O'Grady," with Betty Grable, Robert Young and Adolph Menjou.
27-28	"Tender Comrade," with Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan and Ruth Hussey.
29	"My Best Gal," with Jane Withers and Jimmy Lydon.
Mar. 1	"The Curse of the Cat People," with Simone Simon, Kent Smith and Ann Carter.
Mar. 1-2	"The Uninvited," with Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey and Donald Crisp.
3	"Lady, Let's Dance," with Belita and James Ellison.
THEATER NO. 5	
Starting Time—1845	
Feb. 27	"The Bridge of San Luis Rey," with Francis Lederer, Lynn Bari and Akim Tamiroff.
28	"Sweet Rosie O'Grady," with Betty Grable, Robert Young and Adolph Menjou.
29 and Mar. 1	"Tender Comrade," with Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan and Ruth Hussey.
2	"My Best Gal," with Jane Withers and Jimmy Lydon.
3	"The Curse of the Cat People," with Simone Simon, Kent Smith and Ann Carter.
3-4	"The Uninvited," with Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey and Donald Crisp.

### Male Call

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



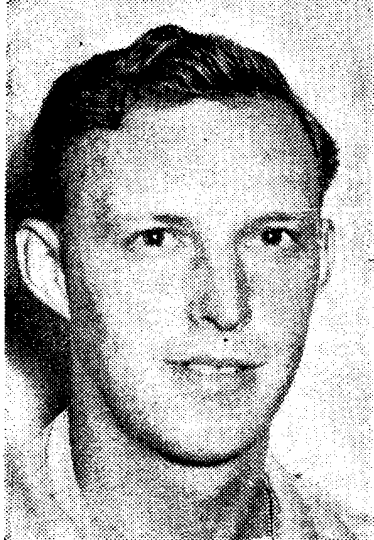
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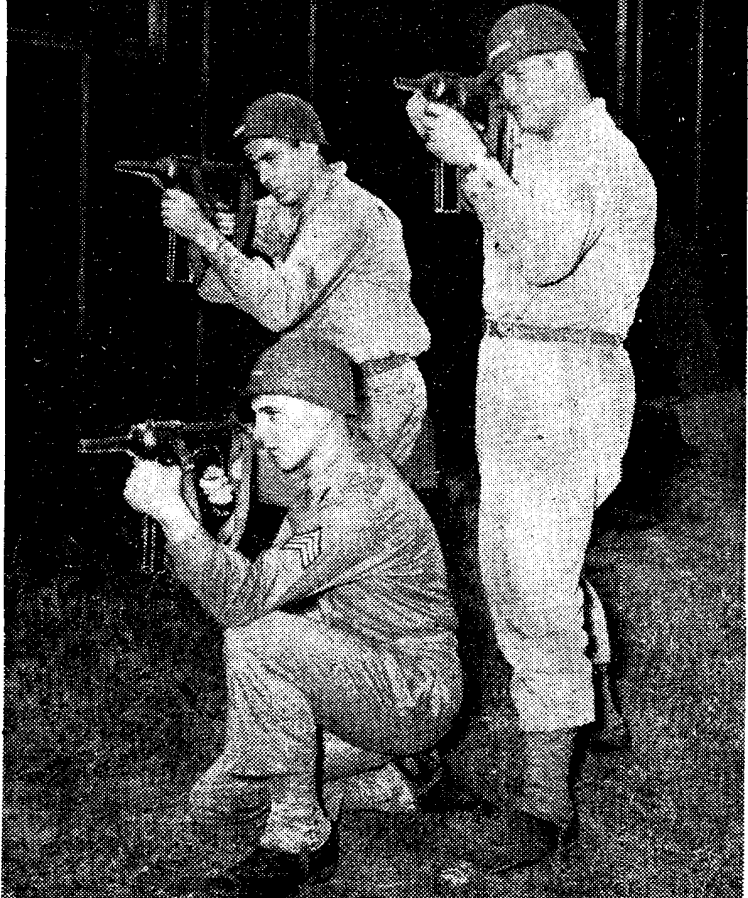


### Battle Training

STEEL AND TNT blasted the hills this week as a battle course demonstration was staged for Division Staff officers. At left, 3d Sec., Btry. C, 861st F. A. pounds "enemy" hill preceding infantry advance. Lt. William Lumpkin, (center) acting commander of Btry. C, observes hits from front lines. Troops advance under fire (right) as set charges explode around them.



Pfc. Eugene J. Case



DEADLY TRIO are these expert sub-machine gunners recently commended by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. Kneeling is Sgt. William Hotaling, 63d Recon. Trp. Behind him are left to right, T/5 William Adams, also of 63d Recon. Trp. and T/5 Dick Thompson, 263d Engr. Bn. In photo at left is Pfc. Eugene J. Case, 254th Inf., high man with Cal. .45 pistol. Lower right, S/Sgt. Gilbert Oliver, Div. Hq. Co., top man with the carbine.



S/Sgt. Gilbert Oliver

### Gen. Hibbs Cites 15 For Work on Range

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, recently commended 15 soldiers for outstanding excellence with arms during their basic training period. The citations were sent to the men through their unit commanders and were presented at a series of reviews by the units.

Those commended and their scores are:

U. S. Rifle, Cal. 30 M1  
Pvt. Richard A. Dickson, 254th Inf. (200).

#### Carbine

Sgt. Gilbert Oliver, Div. Hq. Co. (192).

Sub Machine Gun, Cal. 45  
Sgt. Wm. E. Hotaling, 63d Recon. Tr. (94).

T/5 William E. Adams, 63d Recon Tr. (94).

T/5 Richard E. Thompson, 263d Engr. Combat Bn. (94).

U. S. Rifle, M '08  
Pvt. William E. Delissio, 255th Inf. (199).

Machine Gun, Cal. 30 (Water Cooled)  
Pvt. J. R. Anderson, Jr., 253d Inf. (180).

Light Machine Gun, Cal. 30  
Pvt. Warren E. Stout, 255th Inf. (248).

Automatic Rifle, Cal. 30  
Pfc. John P. Gerwin, 254th Inf. (157).

Pistol, Cal. 45  
Pfc. Eugene J. Case, 254th Inf. (99%).

60 Mm. Mortar  
S/Sgt. Frank S. Kaslowski, 253d Inf. (100%).

Pfc. Charles J. Gau, 253d Inf. (100%).

Pvt. Richard A. Robbins, 253d Inf. (100%).

Cpl. Millard E. Harrison, 253d Inf. (100%).

81 Mm. Mortar  
Pvt. Jess Bernstein, 253d Inf. (97.66%).

These soldiers were tops among all Division personnel in the firing of their various weapons.

### Div. Arty. Chorus Lists Rehearsals

Preparing for the presentation of "Button Your Lip," a musical comedy based on an Army play, and the United Nations Stage Festival, both of which will be presented next month, the Div. Arty. chorus will hold three rehearsals weekly according to Lt. Richard O'Connell, Div. Arty. special services officer.

The chorus will practice on Mondays from 1600 to 1700, on Wednesdays from 1845 until 1945 and on Saturday from 1230 until 1400. "Button Your Lip," will play in all recreation halls in the Division before being shown outside the camp. The United Nations festival will feature songs of the Allied Nations.

### 'Bring Truck Inside' Said GI, and Driver Did

ENGLAND—A sleeping GI was awakened by the sound of a truck being turned around just outside of his window. "Hey," he yelled, "you're making too much noise."

Why don't you bring that truck right on inside?" At that moment, the driver's foot slipped from the clutch, the truck lurched and backed right through the wall into the GI's boudoir.

Rayon now is the second most widely used fiber in the world; cotton still holds first place.



AWARDS OF MERIT went to six men of the 263d Engrs. at a recent retreat parade. Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, Engrs. Commander, is shown congratulating T/4 Joseph P. Lucas. Left to right the recipients of the awards are: Sgt. Paul L. Harper, T/4 Lucas, T/5 Charles H. Wiggins, T/4 Carlos P. Amador, Sgt. Kermit Ramsey, and Sgt. William A. Dolosie.

### 263d Engineers Hold Big Dance

Men of the 263d Engrs. boosted their rug-cutting reputations at an informal dance in the Special Troops Rec. Hall recently.

Fifty-five dancing partners from the Baton Rouge USO and the rhythmic music of two division orchestras combined to convert many an engineer to the jitterbug art.

The recreation hall was gaily decorated with white streamers and Blood and Fire insignia. A large reproduction of the distinctive insignia which bears the Engineer motto, "Essays on," drawn by Pfc. Carl Fink, was prominently placed at one end of the dance floor.

Pfc. Jacob Sparer and Pvt. Joseph Meola handled the other decorations.

The dancing got under way with a grand march in which all guests participated. Refreshments were served.

### Gaily Decorated Rec. Hall Is Setting for 718th Dance

Transforming Div. Arty. Rec. Hall into a brilliant replica of a ballroom, with sparkling prisms suspended from the ceiling and five gaily-decorated booths ranged along each side of the floor, the 718th F. A. staged a dance last night. A division band played for the dancing.

Girls from Baton Rouge, Liberty and Gloster, members of the WAC detachment and civilians from the camp, provided partners for the Redlegs.

Each of the booths was made attractive with furnishings taken from battery day rooms and each was emblazoned with the shield of one of the divisions which distinguished itself in the European theater. Divisions represented were the Fighting First, Seventh, Ninth, 36th (in which Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs was an artillery commander) and the 82d.

Three sketches from "Gay Nineties," a musical revue presented by actors from Combat Teams Red, White and Blue, provided lively entertainment during an intermission.

Among the invited guests were Gen. Hibbs, Division commander; Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander; Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff; Col. John Mesick, executive officer, Div. Arty., and Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, 718th F. A. commander.

### Sergeant's Wife Asks Combat Duty for Him

WASHINGTON—The War Department has received this letter from a sergeant's wife:

"Please have someone transfer my husband into some place where he can do some fighting instead of sitting around in some useless branch of the service such as the one in which he now is.

The men responsible for the arrangements and decorations for the dance were: S/Sgt. Mario Antonucci, S/Sgt. Douglas McCracken, and Cpl. Hugh R. Wall.

### Basketball Standings

GREEN LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
363d Med. Co. C	19	0	1.000
363d Med. Co. A	16	1	.939
263d Sig. Co.	6	4	.600
Rangers	5	5	.545
Div. Hq.	3	3	.525
63d QM	4	4	.500
363d Med. Co. B	4	4	.500
H/S Co., 263d Engr.	4	4	.500
263d Engr. Co. C	2	3	.400
263d Med. Co. D	2	3	.400
263d Ord. Co.	3	5	.375
263d Engr. Co. B	1	5	.167
263d Engr. Co. A	0	6	.000

COMBAT TEAMS LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
CT Blue	4	1	.800
CT White	3	1	.750
CT Red	1	3	.250
363d Medical	0	3	.000

CT RED Eastern League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Co. A	5	0	1.000
Co. D	3	2	.600
Hq. Co. 1st Bn.	3	2	.600
Co. C	2	3	.400
Co. B	0	5	.000

Western League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Co. F	4	1	.800
Co. G	2	1	.667
Co. E	2	2	.500
Co. H	2	2	.500
Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.	0	4	.000

Northern League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Co. K	4	1	.800
Co. J	3	2	.600
Co. M	1	2	.333
Co. L	1	3	.250
Hq. Co. 3d Bn.	0	3	.000

Southern League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cn. Co.	4	0	1.000
AT Co.	2	2	.500
Medics	2	2	.500
Hq. Co.	2	2	.500
Serv. Co.	0	4	.000

Yankee League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Btry. A	4	1	.800
Serv. Btry.	3	2	.600
Hq. Btry.	2	2	.500
Btry. C	1	2	.333
Btry. B	0	4	.000

### Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 0800.  
Chapels No. 8, 9, 10, 0900.  
Chapels No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 1000.  
Chapel No. 5, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1100.  
Chapel No. 8, Lutheran Service, 1100.  
Sunday Afternoon and Evening  
Chapel No. 6, Concert Hour, 1530.  
Co. C Day Room, 362d Med. Bn., 1815.  
Weekday Services  
Chapel No. 8, 1300, Lenten Services.  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 5, 10, 0800.  
Theater No. 5, 0900.  
Theater No. 1, 1030.  
Chapel No. 19, 1100.  
Evening Services  
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, Wednesday, Stations of the Cross.  
Chapel No. 10, Friday, Stations of the Cross.  
Chapel No. 5, Confessions, Saturday, 1830-2000.  
Chapel No. 10, Confessions, Saturday, 1900-2100.  
**JEWISH SERVICES**  
Friday  
Station Hospital, 1815.  
Chapel No. 7, 2000.  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 7, 1000.  
**MORMON SERVICE**  
Sunday  
Chapel No. 8, 1400.  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**  
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Chapel No. 1, Friday, 1930.

**Terse Comment**  
LONDON (CNS)—Sgt. George R. Kaied of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., a Liberator gunner, had this six-word description of a recent attack on Pas de Calais: "No flak, no fighters, no fun."  
An estimated 50 million Americans smoke tobacco.