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PITTSBURGH—The wife of S/Sgt. William Thompson remained in seclusion today and her family refused to discuss the already famous quadruplets born Monday in Derbyshire, England, to Norah Rose Carpenter. The girl's mother and a nursing home superintendent say Sgt. Thompson is the father of the four children, one of whom died Friday. The sergeant visited the mother, 23-year-old former member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, Thursday night. They met December 16, 1942, the first day Thompson was allowed out of camp after his arrival in England. Whether or not the sergeant is divorced and marries Miss Carpenter, advices from Washington said the babies would be eligible for dependency payments if their father is an American soldier and acknowledges them as his children.

CHICAGO—Acrylic, a plastic which matches the teeth better than any known material and conducts heat at the same degree that the teeth do, is now being used for fillings and dentures. Dr. C. S. Cuden, of Pittsburgh, told the Chicago Dental Society this week. He said the use of plastic will "revolutionize dental procedure in the replacement of lost teeth."

ALBANY—Mayor Eleastus Corning, II, has been classified I-A by his local draft board. He is married and has two children and expects to become a private in the Army if he passes the physical examination.

NEW YORK—The New York City school system is considering the adoption of a policy of teaching children in the primary grades to print before learning the more common script writing. Teaching of the regular "cursive writing" would be delayed until the second grade under the new plan.

EASTON, Pa.—Post-war military training for both boys and girls as soon as they finish high school was urged this week by Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette College. He suggested that a six-month period of training in wartime training camps include courses in citizenship.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Mrs. Louisa Dyer, who was 103 years old January 19, died at her home here after a brief illness. She outlived her eight children and her husband, who died 40 years ago.

KENT, Conn.—Stephen Chase is a horse trader here, and one day last week he set a record of 30 sales in a day. His previous record was 25.

PILHAM MANOR, N. Y.—Two garbage collectors who heard her cries when her dress caught fire rushed into the basement and rescued Mary Jane Shevlin, 17. She received serious burns on the back, abdomen and arms.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Hyman Schornick, a Brooklyn cabbie, discharged a passenger in a hurry with the explanation that he "had to stop a runaway horse." Then he pursued the fleeing horse west on 23d St., passed it and pulled his vehicle to a halt. He made a flying tackle at the animal's neck as it raced past and was dragged 40 feet before he stopped it.

INDIANAPOLIS—A home owner ran this advertisement in a local paper: "If you'll rent my house, I'll loan you my maid and introduce you to my butcher."



JAP CARBINE with bayonet and clip of dum-dum bullets, outlawed by the Geneva Conference, are being shown by Maj. Burton L. Emerson, commanding officer of Special Troops Medics, to Reporter Edwin Brown of BLOOD AND FIRE. The Major has an interesting collection of "souvenirs" taken while serving with the Medical Corps at Guadalcanal.

Doctors at Guadalcanal Tells Medics' Problems

Talking to Maj. Burton L. Emerson is just like talking to your family physician, except that you both are in uniform.

A lot of men have found this out when they have seen the major on sick call. He is CO of the medical detachment of Div. Hq. Sp. Trps.

Back in Johnson, Vt., Maj. Emerson was a country doctor, but down at Guadalcanal, when the first wave of Army troops swept against the Japs, he was an important cog in the machine. He was CO of a collecting company of the 101st Med. Regt.

"You have read what it was like at Guadalcanal," he said. "Richard Tregaskis (International News Serv-

ice correspondent and author of "Guadalcanal Diary") and other correspondents were with us throughout the campaign. It was pretty bad. We had a lot of casualties, and a lot of sickness, particularly malaria."

Shows Dum-Dums

Maj. Emerson fingered a clip of round-nosed bullets which came with a Jap carbine he brought home.

"You can see the sort of stuff the Japs use against our men," he said. "These dum-dum bullets flatten out when they hit you. They make quite a mess. We don't use them, because we live up to the terms of the Geneva conference, which outlawed them; but the Japs didn't sign that agreement, and they're using this stuff against us today."

"We had to give a lot of the fellows plasma right up in the front lines when they'd get hit with these dum-dums, or with shrapnel. They'd bleed a lot on the way to the hospital, and sometimes we had to stop and give another transfusion en route, then possibly a third transfusion upon their arrival."

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Engineer Non Coms Host to Camp WACs

Non-commissioned officers of the 263d Engr. Bn., were hosts to members of the WAC Det. of the camp Wednesday night at a party and dance given at the Castle Club, Engr. Non Com Clubhouse.

A six-piece orchestra provided dance music. Fried chicken, prepared by S/Sgt. Wilbur Horton, was served at a buffet supper. Special souvenirs were presented to each girl.

First Sgt. Clarence Greenberg, club steward, was in charge of arrangements. The club was decorated by Pvt. Heinz Wese.

In AAU Contest

Members of the CT Blue and CT White basketball teams left by motor convoy yesterday for New Orleans to participate in the annual Southern AAU championship tournament at the Loyola University gymnasium.

Twenty players under the supervision of Lts. Mike Naddeo and Lawson M. Gateley, comprised the two squads. The Whites entered the competition with a record of 17 victories in 18 games. The Blue had won all but three of its starts.

Engineers to Open Camouflage School

A special course of instruction for Division Officers covering the principles and practices of camouflage will be conducted by the 263d Engrs., Tuesday and Wednesday.

The school will be held at the new camouflage area which was constructed by the Engineers adjacent to the chemical warfare area. The purpose of the school, according to Lt. Harry W. Wyre, Div. Camouflage Officer, is to explain the area to unit officers so that they will in turn be able to conduct their troops on instructional tours.

On Wednesday afternoon 21 different concealed military installations will be shown to officers and on Thursday afternoon officers will perform practical work in building flat tops and draping vehicles.

All Division troops will view the installations and will be lectured on the proper methods of camouflage.

Dance Is Staged

By 3d. Bn., CT Blue

Men of the 3d Bn., CT Blue, were hosts at a dance last night in the Rec. Hall. Girls from Baton Rouge, Natchez, Crosby, and other nearby towns were guests.

Entertainment during an intermission was directed by T/5 Mordecai Bauman, assistant to Lt. Mike Naddeo, CT Blue recreation officer. Music for dancing was furnished by the 255th regimental orchestra, and refreshments were served by companies of the 3d. Bn.

Sergeant McKibbin Retires With Rank of Lieutenant

After more than 30 years service in the United States Army, M/Sgt. Martin H. McKibbin, Hq. Co., 63d Div., was retired Tuesday.

Sgt. McKibbin held the rank of first lieutenant in World War I and again in the present struggle. He was released from active service in the Army Air Force last July, but re-enlisted and obtained his permanent regular army rating of master sergeant in order to complete 30 years of service.

Upon his discharge last Tuesday Sgt. McKibbin immediately became 1st. Lt. McKibbin in keeping with Army regulations which permitted him to revert to his highest previous rank upon retirement.

Sgt. McKibbin entered the Army Jan. 17, 1911, and until 1920 served with various cavalry units. He was commissioned a second lieutenant during the first World War and advanced to first lieutenant before the Armistice. He left the Army in 1920, but returned in 1922 to join the newly-organized Army Air Corps. He remained in that branch of the service until last July when he was recommended for an honorable discharge by a retirement board at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver.

Simpler Form Is Called Boon To GI Taxpayer

Many Soldiers Required To File Income Reports By March 15

Soldiers who are preparing to file their income tax reports—which must be turned in on or before March 15—will do well to use the new short tax form (1040A) which will save them considerable figuring. The short form has a set of tables printed on it which compute the tax due in different taxable income brackets ranging up to \$3,000. Anyone earning more than that will have to use the long tax form (1040).

Those Who Must File

The following persons, even though they may be soldiers, are required to file income tax returns:

1. Any single person whose total income was \$500 or more. (A bulk private receives \$600 a year.)
2. A husband whose individual income was more than \$624.
3. Every husband and wife whose combined total incomes were \$1200 or more.
4. Every soldier who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

The serviceman, in determining into which of these categories he falls, should exclude all service pay earned during 1943 up to \$1500. A soldier does not necessarily get a \$1500 deduction because he was in service during 1943, but only gets the exclusion of such part of the \$1500 as represents service pay.

In addition to this deduction of up to \$1500 service pay, the soldier may also deduct the regular personal exemption, which in the case of single men is \$500. This will automatically relieve the majority of doughboys from the necessity of paying a tax, though the report must be filed.

May Get Other Benefits

Soldiers who were in service during 1942 as well as 1943 may (Continued on Page 8)

The sergeant did not remain long inactive. He re-enlisted in the



M/SGT. MARTIN H. McKIBBIN

Army at Pittsburgh last August and was assigned to the 63d Div. He had never served in the in- (Continued on Page 8)

Sgt. Stahl Knows Enemy; Fought Germans in Spain

Recent developments in the European theater of war were no surprise to 1st/Sgt. Leon Stahl, for, as a member of the 8th International Brigade aiding the Loyalist cause in the Spanish Civil war in 1937 he acquired first hand knowledge of the type of men who were to be our enemies.

"I ran into plenty of German and Italian soldiers during the 11 months spent in Spain," explained the top-kick of the 63d Rcn. Trp., "and my experience with both has since been conclusively borne out.

Germans Top-rate Fighters
"The Germans even then were top-rate fighting men, professional like in their abilities and deter-



1ST SGT. LEON STAHL

mined. The Italians, and regiments of them were fighting in what was supposed to be 'Spanish civil war,' were no better than they later proved themselves on the sands of Africa."

The 37-year-old New Yorker has experienced much in his seven years in the United States Army but nothing quite to match this venture into the land of olive orchards and bullfights. He doesn't quibble about it—\$250 a month

and keep lured him aboard a certain ship in New York harbor from which he was debarked in Portugal.

Today, doughboys bound for overseas duty pack twice the equipment that went with soldiers of the previous war. Stahl, when he landed in Lisbon, carried complete—one suitcase!

'Spanish Officials'

"We went as officials of the Spanish embassy," Stahl said in elaborating on this unusual equipage of a soldier, "and consequently we surely would have been out of uniform for that kind of assignment had we walked down the gangplank with full field packs on our backs and barracks bags slung over our shoulders."

The pay and the well-kept promise of adventure got Stahl and about 170 other Americans into the Brigade. Few of them, however, saw much money. The former member of the 1st and 3d U.S. Cav. Regts. was paid that first month. At the end of four weeks of 'basic,' however, he and the others were plunged into the conflict and from that point never received a penny of pay.

Ammunition Scarce

"Money wasn't the only thing that became scarce once we took up arms," the sergeant disclosed. "There were many days when we were armed but had no ammunition. On other occasions we packed plenty of bullets and shells without having the implements for firing them. The meals came when you could find them, which wasn't often.

"An organization such as the 63d Div. serves to contrast the almost utter lack of planning we experienced in that affair. Not only did each soldier have to fight; he also had to act as supply sergeant, ordnance man and do whatever else was necessary to keep in action."

Bad as those first months were they were as easy to take as a "ten minute break" in comparison to the closing phases of this chapter of his military career. Shrapnel and bullet wounds in his left leg put him out of action south of Madrid in April, 1938.

Subsequently, he was with the forces fighting off the rebel army during the siege of Madrid. When the cause approached its eclipse, Stahl and several others figured they had contributed all they could and high-tailed it toward the Portuguese border.

This was no easy matter. It took more than two months to get out of Spain alive. Once in Portugal, another problem presented itself. They were penniless and without means of getting home. Eventually they signed aboard a freighter bound for Mexico and finally reentered the United States.

In 1942, Stahl returned to the profession of arms when he joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the cavalry at Ft. Reilly, Kan. He was transferred to the 63d Div. in December, 1943.



Added Facilities For Gloster USO

The Gloster USO, located on the second floor of the old city hall building, is being completely renovated and many conveniences will be added for the comfort of service men and women. A fully equipped kitchen, rest rooms, and other facilities are being added.

The renovation comes as the result of recommendations made by George Ramey, building consultant for the United Service Organizations, Inc.

An operating committee composed of citizens of Gloster will work with Miss Helen M. Stephenson, staff director, to form the governing policies of the club. A group of senior and junior hostesses will be in attendance when the new clubrooms are opened.

The operating committee is composed of Mrs. J. B. McLean, chairman; Mrs. Zelma Clark, junior hostess chairman; Mrs. J. H. Sumrow, senior hostess chairman, and Fred Anderson, Sydney Hughes, Louis Kahn, and Miss Stephenson.

Dancing Troupe At Art y Arena

The Hokenson Dancers of Baton Rouge, a group of amateur entertainers who have performed in many Army camps throughout Louisiana and surrounding states, will appear at the Div. Arty. Rec. Hall tonight at 2000.

Tonight's program will present several eye-catching young women in specialty dances and the Misses Margaret Longmire and Maxine Carroll, singers of popular songs. Miss Longmire has been a vocalist with several leading orchestras, while Miss Carroll is a blues singer.

The dance numbers will consist of a hula by Patsy Cotton and Jewel Rome, and a toe tap by Joan Roddy and Amy Cutrier. "Beating the Beat," a fast rhythmic tap, will be presented by Patsy, Jewel and Rita Fourrier. The troupe is directed by Mrs. Irma Hokenson of Baton Rouge.

18-Year-Old Seeks Action Fourth Time

COLUMBUS, O.—Although he is only 18, Stanley Shevlin already has seen service in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. He now is back in the Navy again.

Stanley joined the Army in 1941. While on maneuvers in Hawaii he developed a bad ankle and was discharged. Just after Pearl Harbor, Shevlin persuaded the Marines that he was OK and he was accepted. His ankle went bad again, and again he was discharged. One month later, in September, 1943, he was accepted by the Navy, served aboard an aircraft carrier and became an aerial gunner. He had to bail out of his plane and when he hit the ground, the ankle went out again and he was given his third discharge.

But now he's back again. After treating the lame ankle, Shevlin got his draft board to classify him 1-A and he was called.

False decks built above the top decks of some 7,000 cargo vessels since 1940 have accounted for 10 per cent more war goods being carried.



VICTIMS OF BOOBY TRAP are members of Rcn. Trp. in top picture shown as they tried to remove road block in problem last Saturday. Smoke at left is caused by explosion of dynamite set off by booby trap located in the obstruction which the Reconns had failed to nullify. At bottom is shown a Recon mortar lobbing shells at "enemy" anti-tank position.

Recons Break Road Block In Realistic War Problem

Realism was injected into the training of the 63d Rcn. Trp. last Saturday when three platoons successively were given the job of knocking out and removing a road block to test their combat fire proficiency.

Everything possible was done to conduct the test, which was witnessed by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. Comdr.; Brig Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Comdr., and Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, under conditions as closely approximating those to be encountered in real combat as the rules for safety would permit.

Roads were mined, a machine gun nest let go bursts as rifle and grenade squads completed their enveloping movements, and dynamite charges and booby traps were planted where the Keyhole Kids least expected them.

The platoons undertook and accomplished the mission with varying degrees of efficiency. Particular attention was given tactics and technique employed, the troops being scored on such vitally important points as use of cover, control and distribution of fire, and speed and general execution of orders.

The problems assumed that the Blood and Fire Division was advancing on Camp Van Dorn, which was occupied by the enemy. The specific assignment of the troop was to seize and hold high ground east of Beaver Creek until relieved by CT White which was advancing on foot 10 miles to the rear. It was while in pursuit of this objective that the road block was encountered.

After appraising the situation, each platoon inaugurated its assault on the position. Machine gun

fire pinned down the "enemy" while a mortar section went into action and proceeded with the task of knocking out an anti-tank gun situated on a knoll overlooking the block.

While this heavy fire was being concentrated on the cannon, the dismounted riflemen made their attack from the right flank under its cover and moved close enough to pick off the theoretical defenders of the block with their rifle and grenade fire. Ammunition employed was live.

One thing the entire troop had was enthusiasm for its work. While no time limit was set for the completion of the job, although it was imperative in this situation that the troop reach its objective as quickly as possible, Capt. Grover C. McLure's outfit went through the maneuver at top speed.

When an observer remarked about this, Capt. McLure advised, "It's not that they're tough; they just like to play rough."

M/Sgt. Frazier Draws Crossword Puzzle

The crossword puzzle which appears in this issue of BLOOD AND FIRE—the first original GI puzzle to appear in this paper—was designed and worked out by M/Sgt. Edwin Frazier. In the scant leisure time from his duties in the Chief of Staff Sec., Sgt. Frazier is an ardent crossword fan, working all the different ones he can find. He has promised more original crossword puzzles for BLOOD AND FIRE, and the paper will welcome similar original contributions from its other readers.

Finds Brother in Hospital

Pvt. Frank J. Holub, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., has a brother, Sgt. John Holub, who has been stationed for the last two years at San Juan, P. R. Recently John was transferred back to the United States and assigned to an infantry division at Camp Shelby, Miss. Last Sunday he rode over to Camp Van Dorn to see his brother. He looked high and low, and finally found him—in Station Hospital. They had several hours together before John had to catch a return bus to Shelby.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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The Wolf by Sansone



"Careful! . . . This is Leap Year!"



Natchez Dance Lists 253d Band

A formal dance scheduled for 2030 tonight at the City auditorium will start a week-end of activity for men and women of the armed forces at Natchez. Music for tonight's event will be furnished by the 253d Inf. orchestra and specialty numbers will be presented by the regiment's special service office. The band will broadcast over WMIS at 1505 tomorrow. Tomorrow the municipal golf course at Duncan Park will be available for use by soldiers all day, and specially conducted tours of historic homes in and around Natchez will be held starting at 1430 from the Servicemen's Center.

Propulsion Plane 100 Miles Faster Minus Propeller

Elimination of the propeller and its accompanying "air drag" promises to give the so-called jet-propulsion plane air speed 100 miles in excess of any which our fighters are now capable. This was one of the disclosures made this week by Capt. Ezra Kotcher, of the Army Air Forces engineering department, writing in the official publication, "Air Force." Explaining the difference between the still highly secret aircraft and those currently used in combat, Capt. Kotcher says, "The standard propeller-driven airplane begins to be stymied at speeds much above 450 mph. This is because at such speeds air begins to be compressible, and this compressibility is felt on the propeller long before it is evidenced in the wings."

A jet-propulsion unit eliminates the propeller and with it the air drag. Presently on the assembly line only "for training purposes" and by inference not yet ready for combat, the ship is a single-seater, twin-engine plane standing close to the ground because no clearance is needed for the swing of the propeller.

Because the compression required is much lower than in standard gasoline engines, special high octane fuels are not needed. Any liquid that burns can be used. The plane, Capt. Kotcher states, presents no new problem for a pilot "except how to fly a simpler plane," which has fewer gadgets and instruments, flies with little vibration and has only one throttle to control both engines. A layman seeing it in flight might not notice anything strange about it except its sound.

"When at some distance away, it sounds not unlike a train, rumbling along far away at night," the Capt. reports. "You seldom hear a jet-propelled plane until it is almost past you. Then you hear the roar of the jet."

Pioneer U. S. Film To Be Shown Here

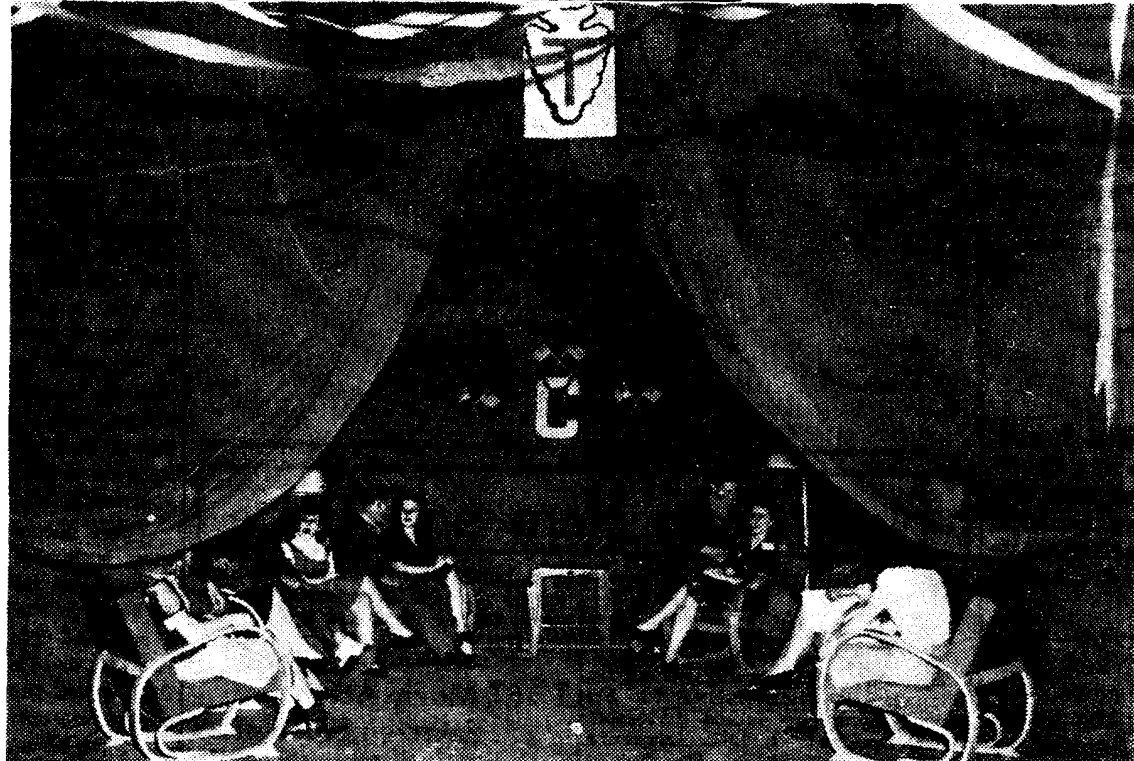
"The Great Train Robbery," the first motion picture to be filmed in the United States, in 1903, will be among several historic films of the silent days which will be shown at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall tomorrow night starting at 1700. Monday night the same pictures will be shown at Service Clubs 1 and 2 at 2000 and 2100 respectively.

The first animated cartoon to appear on the screen, "Gertie and the Dinosaur" by Winsor McCay will also be shown.

Other pictures on the program will be Charlie Chaplin in "Shanghai'd," Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last," and Ben Turpin in "Ben's Wild Dream."

In addition there will be excerpts from photo plays which featured Rudolph Valentino, Patty Arubucke and Mary Pickford.

"The Great Train Robbery" was not the first picture ever to be filmed. There were motion pictures in Germany before 1903. The film on the train robbery was made by the Edison Co., in New Jersey.



HOMELIKE ATMOSPHERE—was enjoyed by men of the 718th F. A. Bn. and girls from Baton Rouge, Liberty, McComb and other nearby towns at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall last Friday. Camouflage nets and gayly colored streamers were draped to form "beau rooms" for the several batteries. Insignia of other Divisions in which our officers and men have served, formed some of the decorations. Shown above is room of C Btry, with insignia (above entrance) of 36th (Texas) Division, of which Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs was former artillery commander. At top is view of the dance floor.

Right Answers Win Hot Steaks

The ability to know the right answers paid dividends in a steak dinner for Pvt. Joseph Del Greco, 63d QM Co., last Sunday when he triumphed in a quiz program which was part of the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center at Natchez.

Del Greco was one of six soldiers pitted against three girls. Miss Mabel Conger, of New York city, a visitor in Natchez, led the feminine trio. The victors dined at Tops Grill.

After Cpl. Samuel Berger, Div. Band, pianist, opened the program with "For Me and My Gal," Pvt. Sidney Gans, Co. M, 255th Inf., sang "One Alone" from "The Desert Song." Pvt. Jackie Parris, 63d QM Co., sang "All I Need Is You," and seven-year-old Billie Ann West, of Natchez, was heard in "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm" and "Playmates." Pvt. Heran Turnage, AT Co., 253d In., was master of ceremonies.

More than two score Division soldiers visited Rosalie, Stanton Hall and Magnolia Vale, ante bellum homes, Sunday.

255th Inf. Doughboy Gets Pacific News

Pvt. Sammy Savar, Co. C, 255th Inf., gets his news of the Southwest Pacific direct from a reliable source. His brother, Pvt. Martin Savar, is editor of YANK, Jr., a mimeographed publication of the 25th Ord. Co., stationed somewhere "down under."

Editor Savar, whose wit flashes through the pages of his paper, bills himself on the masthead as "editor-in-chief, in charge of publication and distribution. Also job printing."

His assistant editor-in-chief is Thomas Lo Russo, who is responsible for coverage of "Australia and adjoining continents. Also local news. Haircutting a specialty."

Sammy Savar, a member of the 255th regimental orchestra, receives his brother's paper in batches. He gets a supply of the four-page sheet every two or three months.

The Incas constructed a 2,000-mile highway system that dwarfed Rome's famous roads.

Ex-Mascot of 255th Inf. Leads Dog's Life in Exile

Chattahoochee, Fla.

Mr. Editor: Three weeks ago you published my letter protesting an order banning all dogs from CT Blue. In the letter I quoted a resolution passed by the Van Dorn chapter of the Better Posts for Victory Committee of the Patriotic Dogs of America Association. The resolution was signed by T/5 Dr. Capsule, Medics; S/Sgt. Pug Barkmore, AT, and me, Pfc. Cannonball, of Cn. Co.

Some good it did. Power of the Press, Phooey!

I don't know where T/5 Capsule and Sgt. Barkmore are, but look where I am. Chattahoochee! Do you know what's located here, besides me? A state insane asylum, that's what! Nuts! I was shanghaied out of the Army and sent to civilian life regardless of my feelings, and I don't like it a damn bit.

I thought at first I was being transferred to another outfit, and I didn't particularly mind, even though I do like Van Dorn, but I'm willing to go to any post when it's necessary. However, when I saw the little cage the Cannoneers had built for me, with its small fire hydrant and rubber mouse and bone, I knew damn well that wasn't GI. Then I went for a final inspection of the howitzer and to rub farewells with Bowser Coldnose (I wish he'd do something about that!) and was late for a special formation and Sgt. Boykin didn't chew me out; that was bad.

The special formation was called to give all us Cannoneers an opportunity to say good-bye. I tell you, Mr. Editor, it was touching, and as I rode away in Cpl. Martino's car there wasn't a bark, let alone a bite, left in me.

But to the real point of this letter.

As I've told you, I've very dissatisfied out of the Army. I've got a conference scheduled with our congressman's dog. He's a Spitz-Collie, the same as I am, and knows a few tricks and is a good friend of Fala. (You know who Fala is!) Maybe we can do some finagling.

I'm not saying much, but I might come back to Van Dorn with a commission. I don't think, though, I'd accept a commission; my men wouldn't like it. I can do more for them as just another dog-face.

This letter is merely to keep you informed, Mr. Editor, and if certain things happen, I may be able to do you some good. At any rate, when I get back I may drop around to see you.

Sincerely,
CANNONBALL

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 0900.
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, 253d Med. Bn., 1815.
- Weekday Services**
Chapel No. 5, 1900, Lenten Service.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**
Sunday
Chapel No. 5, 10, 0900.
Theater No. 5, 0900.
Theater No. 3, 0950.
Chapel No. 10, 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), 1530.
Chapel No. 5, Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Friday, Stations of the Cross, 1930.
Chapel No. 5, Confessions, Saturday, 1830-2000.
Chapel No. 10, Confessions, Saturday, 1900-2100.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
Station Hospital, 1845.
Chapel No. 7, 2000.
- Sunday**
Chapel No. 7, 1100.
- MORMON SERVICE**
Sunday
Chapel No. 8, 1400.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
Chapel No. 1, Friday, 1930.
- The Louisiana Purchase doubled the area of the United States.

One-Man Audience Sees Weekly Movies

ASSAM (CNS)—The most exclusive movie audience in the world is composed of a single man—S/Sgt. Frank Kulikowski, an aviation mechanic who has been confined to a hospital bed here since a plane crash in October.

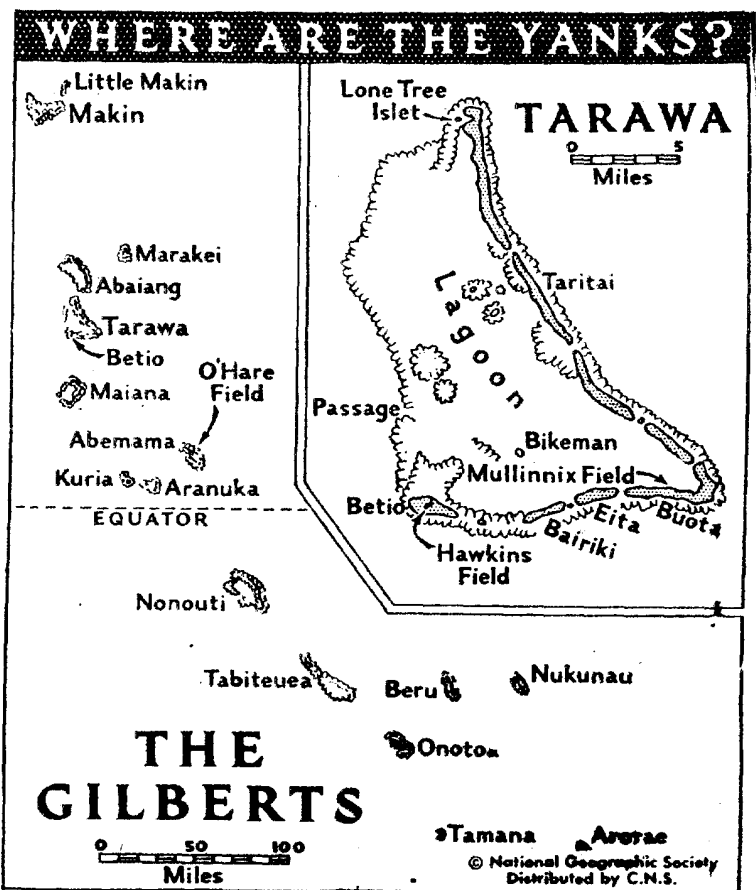
Every Sunday night, a special service officer drags his projector into Kulikowski's room and sprays a movie on the wall over his bed.

It requires 12,500 gallons of gasoline to train one Army pilot.

Errorless Compass Now Used on Raids

LONDON (CNS)—Flying Fortresses now are equipped with a new gyro flux-gate compass which enables navigators to get instant bearings high in the sky. News of the use of this delicate device was made public only recently after it became known that several have fallen into the hands of the enemy. "It's just a compass with all the errors taken out," one navigator explained.

It costs from \$30 to \$40 to provide oxygen masks for the crew of one Flying Fortress.



THEY'RE IN the Gilbert Islands which sprawl across the Equator nearly 5,000 miles from San Francisco. They are a key to the eastern and southern approaches to Tokyo. O'Hare and Mullinnix Fields are new American airfields named after Navy heroes; Hawkins Field is named after a Marine.

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER

As civilians, we always had a hectic time in March, trying to figure out those income tax reports. Word has been received this week that few soldiers have escaped this monumental task, although actual payments may be postponed until six months after the war.

Some soldiers in this Division—particularly those who passed all of last year in the service—will have to file tax reports but pay nothing; others, such as the fillers who came into the service in September after three-quarters of a year at lucrative war jobs, will have to pay as well as file reports.

Check with your first sergeant or CO to find out who is the tax expert in your company. If you have any difficulties—and who hasn't?—he'll try to help you out.

ANOTHER ENEMY

A recent report of the Camp Van Dorn Surgeon shows there were only 97 cases of malaria here during the last year. That is a very low rate for a camp in this area, and is due to good mosquito control work on the part of the Camp Engineer, sanitation officers, and the individual soldiers stationed here.

Malaria is a painful and sometimes deadly disease. American troops in the Southwest Pacific have found it to inflict heavier casualties in our ranks than have the Japs. But, like the Jap, intelligent action can lick the spreader of malaria—the Anopheles mosquito.

One garrison of about 1,000 moved to a South Pacific isle for emergency duty were without proper mosquito protection for 10 days until their mosquito nets were unpacked. Two weeks after their arrival the first case of malaria appeared. By the end of a month 245 men had been hospitalized because of malaria—and each admission meant a soldier unable to perform his duties for a week or 10 days. During the second month there were 338 cases, of which 292 were new cases and 46 were readmissions.

Dr. L. T. Coggeshall, consultant on tropical diseases to the Secretary of War, reports: "More than 50 per cent of our men have already contracted malaria in the Southwest Pacific, and 85 per cent of the men in every regiment were acutely ill when Bataan fell."

If malaria gets you down you won't be in any position to lick the enemy. Learn now, and always remember:

Keep within barracks or other screened buildings as much as possible after night-fall.

If you must go outside at night cover as much of your skin as possible with clothing. Keep your collar buttoned up, wear gloves and leggings.

Protect the exposed portions of your skin with the proper issued repellants.

If you must sleep outdoors, use your mosquito nets.

The mosquito can be just as deadly as a Jap sniper—one bite from an infected mosquito can cause malaria.



News from Here and There

Anderson, Like Finnegan, Is Having Hard Time

SEATTLE—Off again, on again, Finnegan is being pushed for his laurels by a guy named Anderson.

On December 4, 1942, Lawrence Anderson enlisted in the United States Army. Since that time he's been out of it twice and is about ready to go back for the third time.

It seems Anderson, after his enlistment, turned up with a missing trigger finger and was discharged. That was in April, 1943. In July of that year he was drafted, reported for duty at Ft. Lewis—and was again honorably discharged in September because of the missing trigger finger.

On Feb. 19, Anderson received a mustering-out check and—notice of a 1-A draft classification on the same day!

Seven Yanks on Patrol Wipe Out 25 Germans

ITALY (CNS)—Seven Americans killed 25 Germans behind the enemy lines during the height of the fight around the Anzio beach-head in one of the bloodiest patrol actions seen since the war in Italy began.

Three of the Americans returned to their own lines uninjured after the action, bringing two of their injured comrades with them. The other two Yanks were killed.

Cpl. Richard Fisco, of New York, leader of the group, said that of the 25 Nazis killed, eight were in foxholes, 12 were in a ditch, three were manning a machine gun nest hidden in a haystack and two tried to rush the Yanks. The Americans used grenades to wipe them out, said Fisco.

Italians Plant Crops As War Rages Nearby

NAPLES (CNS)—Unmoved emotionally by a war that has torn their homeland to shreds, Italian farmers in the Vanafro area near Cassino went right on sowing crops while guns roared in the distance and planes flew overhead.

Their industry in the very face of war is expected to yield 2,000 crops of potatoes by June, according to Allied Military Government agricultural experts stationed here.

Billeting Expert Finds Sleep in Hotel Lobby

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Ens. Helen McCreight, a Wave, whose job in the billeting office of the Navy Department is to find shelter in Washington for Navy personnel, couldn't find a place to sleep herself on a recent visit to New York.

Ens. McCreight spent the night

in a hotel lobby because she forgot to make a reservation in advance of her week-end trip to the Big Town.

1,562 Movie Actors Entertained Soldiers

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—The Hollywood Victory Committee sent 1,562 movie actors more than a million miles to make 12,619 appearances before servicemen last year, the committee has announced. These figures nearly double the organization's first-year accomplishments.

55 Million Buy Bonds In Four War Drives

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Fifty-five million Americans have purchased one or more War Bonds since Pearl Harbor, the Treasury Department announced recently when it released figures of the nation's contribution to the four war loan drives.

Individuals at home, backing the war overseas to the limit, have accounted for nearly 29 billion dollars of the 70 billions raised since May, 1941, under the savings bond program, the Treasury Department disclosed.

Invasion Troops Get Swimming Lessons

LONDON (CNS)—Every American soldier in the Allied armies which will storm the Second Front bridgeheads into Continental Europe is going to know how to swim—just in case he has to.

The American Red Cross, acting under Army direction, is giving courses in combat swimming, water safety and life saving at pools throughout England. Nearly 1,000 officers and men are learning each week such tactics as jumping into the water from a height of 25 feet, fully clothed and with pack, rifle and helmet—and then swimming 35 feet to a rubber dinghy.

Japs Are Overconfident, Tunney Tells Legion

NEW YORK (CNS)—"There isn't a Jap in Bougainville who doesn't think he's as good as five Americans," Cmdr. Gene Tunney, USNR, told a meeting of the American Legion here recently in a warning against over-confidence on the home front.

"They are the victims of over-confidence," the former heavyweight champion said. "They have been sold that bill of goods by their warrior class.

"America must avoid falling into the same evil which the Japs have fallen into," he concluded.

The Sky Pilot Says It

Chaplain Aaron Kahan
By Chaplain Aaron Kahan

Among the many things that we leave behind us when we enter the Army is our imagination—at least most of it. The Army is a real thing, charged with the execution of the most realistic of all problems—the waging and winning of war. With such stark realism ahead, one cannot afford to shut an eye, even for a moment, to imagine that which is not there.

Imagination, in fact, can often be harmful. Imagination of victory may spur some people on, but, more often, it makes for overconfidence; while imagined disaster can loom so vivid and real that it shakes us even worse than the real thing.

There is one phase of imagination, however, which must not only be retained in the Army, but must form the very fiber of our being. - It must be before us every moment of the day or all our struggle may fail or prove in vain. I refer to the imagination which does exist, but which the naked eye cannot behold.

First of such images is the home. The fellow who is homesick is using his imagination in the wrong way. He imagines himself back home, which leaves him empty and longing. What he should imagine is that his kinfolk are all with him, which is actually so.

The second of these images, which must be seen with the mind's eye, is Religion. How can anyone see religion, and yet, how can anyone fail to see it? "Where can I find Thee and where can I not find Thee?" said the Psalmist. No human eye can see God, yet the mere fact that a piece of flesh called the eye can see, is in itself a testimony to the presence of God.

That phase of the imagination, therefore, which makes us "see" God, whether in the rising sun or the passing cloud; in the laughter of children or the call of loved ones; in the will to live the right life or the determination to stake life itself if the right to live it freely is threatened—all these must form the very focus of a soldier's view, though they cannot be seen or pointed out.

The third vestment of the spiritual armor is what may be called the ability to "make a mountain out of a molehill"; the ability to keep before one the over-all picture of the world in which we live and the specific part we are called upon to play.

Now that is where you and I as human beings come in. We must learn to make a mountain out of our molehill in order to properly understand what this is all about. We must take the same love, zeal and industry, with which we applied ourselves to our homes, our communities, our "mole-hills," and apply it to the "mountain."

Realize that our whole world is sore, troubled and tottering and only when that "mountain" will be established in freedom and in peace can our "molehills" be considered as lasting and secure.

G. I. Jingles

THE WOLF

If he parks his little flivver
Down beside the moonlit river
And you feel him all a quiver,
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

If he says you're gorgeous-lookin'
And your eyes, they set him cookin',
But your eyes ain't where he's lookin',
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

When he says that you're an eye-ful
And his hands begin to trifle
And his heart pumps like a rifle,
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

If by chance when you're a-kissin'
You can feel his heart a-missin',
And you talk but he won't listen,
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

When you're standing at a stop
For your daily bus to stop,
And his whistle ain't your Pop,
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

If he wears a uniform
And he comes from Camp Van Dorn
And he talks about your form,
Baby . . . He's a WOLF!

If his arms are strong as sinew
And he stirs the gypsy in you
And you want him close agin you,
Baby . . . Maybe YOU'RE THE WOLF!

Submitted by Cpl. Fred Hannlich,
Co. A, 253d Inf.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

254th Inf.—Twenty-seven men in Co. C have received Pfc. stripes. They are Peter T. Kubista, Stewart A. Ross, Edward W. Brinkman, Joseph R. Muscarola, Arthur Greenberg, Edward A. Eisele, Maurice E. Sink, Harry W. Frey, John P. O'Neill, George W. Garris, Delmar E. Kelshaw, Ernie M. Tucker, Jr., Roy W. Lady, Wayne E. Berrington, Joseph Liloio, Frank Decroo, Benjamin T. Palladino, Toussaint R. Clavette, Kenneth A. Pepple, Reid E. Pontius, William A. Goppert, Jr., Melvin Ronkowski, Andrew A. Poconsky, Joseph F. Scherrer, Gilbert B. Phillips and Clyde J. Spiras. . . . Four men of the regiment were awarded the Good Conduct Medal this week. They are Sgt. Garry A. Bahrlich, Pfc. Jennings M. Hamon and Pfc. Robert P. Bockis, all of Regt. Hq. Co., and T/5 William G. Craig, Med. Det.

255th Inf.—Pfc. Frank Kungis, Cannon Co., eagerly anticipated a particular letter for a week. When it finally arrived, the envelope had not been sealed and there was not a thing in it. . . . Sgt. T. W. Nantz, Co. E, has just become the father of a 7½-pound son, T. W., Jr. Sgt. and Mrs. Nantz live in Liberty.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Members of the Division Band, indefatigable volleyball players, gain color for their intramural contests by "announcing" them with a public address system from one of their dance orchestras. While the ball bounces over the net, a rising crescendo from the nearby barracks windows screams, ". . . and the crowd of 50,000 went W-I-I-I-D!". . . . New Pfc. in Div. Hq. Co. are Lovat G. Davidson, Henry K. Marsteller, Robert D. Tatum and John G. Weir, Jr. . . . Four promotions were announced in Div. Hq. this week. To T/4 went Charles J. Gallagher, and to T/5 went Pfc. Elmer L. Ambrose and Michael J. D'Orazio. All three are in the AG Dept. Pvt. Lawrence W. Naylor, G-2 Sec., now on detached service with the AAF in Orlando, Fla., was appointed Pfc.

63d QM Co.—Pvt. Clebert "Johnny" Kellam, former paratrooper, became a Pfc. this week. . . . Pvt. Bob Aiden, new face in the company, formerly played Class B baseball. . . . Pfc. Ted Cook was married while on furlough in Union City, N. J. . . . QM is giving much of the credit to its artificer, Pfc. Joe Macaluso, for ratings of "Very Good" on vehicle inspection and "Perfect" on small arms inspection, both by a 4th Army team.

253d Inf.—Every newsboy who hawks daily papers through Army barracks must be sick and tired of having GI's ask: "Is the war over?" So the men of 3d Plat., Co. A, gave the situation a novel twist when they promised their paper boy \$1 for each copy when he comes around with the headline, "Germany Surrenders!". . . . Pvt. Thomas O'Keefe, Co. A, received a pair of gaily colored blue-striped pajamas. "I knew I'd get to wear stripes in this man's Army!" he exulted. . . . Cpl. Eugene E. Carroll, Co. A has been promoted to sergeant.

861st F. A.—Recent promotions in Btry. B include the following: Pfc. Andrew Stichek, Leo Zdyb and John Magaskie, all to corporal, and Pfc. Robert Goodman to T/5. . . . Pfc. Wayne Hamilton became Serv. Btry's table tennis champion by defeating Sgt. Philip M. Tosti in the battery playoff. . . . Pfc. Alison J. Feather, Btry. A, and Miss Helen Bertsch of Portland, Ore., Feather's home town, were married Feb. 22 in Chapel No. 5 by Chaplain William J. Guinan, Asst. Div. Chaplain.



BY THE SEA, and it's a slightly simulated sea, stand these pretty bathing beauties of Camp Van Dorn's WAC Det. in the "Gay Nineties" revue staged last week by members of the 63d Division and the WAC Det. T/1 Mordecai Brown is the mustached dandy at the left, and the beauties are (left to right): Pvts. Alice Jacobs, Philena Porter and Sally Fort; T/4 Wanda Olszewska, Pvt. Helen Apperson, Cpl. Marion Laylin and Pvt. Jean Lindley.

'Gay Nineties' Is Presented For Patients at Hospital

"Gay Nineties," a musical revue featuring talent from Combat Teams Red, White and Blue, and members of the Camp Van Dorn WAC Det. was so successful last Friday, Saturday and Sunday that an additional showing was requested Monday night for patients at Station Hospital. The show drew a full house at the Red Cross Building of the hospital.

"Gay Nineties" was a one-hour show which presented a bevy of Floradora girls—played by Wacs who stepped out of their uniforms

and into flowing gowns and old-fashioned bathing suits for the occasion. There was also singing and skits by Division doughboys and redlegs.

It was produced by Pvt. Joe Dolin, 254th Inf., under the supervision of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, CT White recreation athletic officer.

The cast included, in addition to Dolin, T/4 Wanda Olszewska, Cpl. Marion Laylin, and Pvts. Jean Lindley, Sally Fort, Helen Apperson, Philena Porter, and Alice Jacobs, all of the WAC Det. Also T/5 Mordecai Bauman, Pfc. John Evans, Pvt. Bert Moore, Cpl. Fred Wiener, and Pvt. Joe Patanella. Music was provided by the 255th Inf. orchestra under the direction of Pfc. Marlin Merrill, with original musical arrangements by T/5 Danny Mendelsohn.

'Gay Nineties' Cast Is Feted at Party

Combat Team Blue Rec. Hall was the scene of a party for members of the cast of the "Gay Nineties" revue following Sunday night's performance. The recreation staffs of the three Combat Teams entertained the soldier actors and members of the WAC Det. who participated in the show.

Dancing was held on the stage and refreshments were served.

New CT Red Director Named by Red Cross

Peter Di Leone, former attorney of Cleveland, Ohio, has been named Assistant Red Cross Field Director for CT Red, it was announced by Lewis C. Robertson, Senior Asst. Field Director, this week. Mr. Di Leone is married and his wife and daughter reside in Cleveland. He succeeds Fred Allen, who has been transferred to another station.

ASTP Cut Releases Men for Combat

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has slashed its Army Specialized Training Program from 155,000 to 35,000, releasing 110,000 men for combat duty.

Eighty thousand of these men, the WD has announced, will go into the Army Ground Forces because of their special skills and ability for leadership. The remainder will be assigned to other units destined for overseas service.

The War Department decision to curtail the ASTP program was based upon "the increasing tempo of offensive operations, and the mounting casualties demanding immediate replacements in the field."

The failure of the Selective Service System to deliver fighting men according to schedule, which has left the Army short 200,000 of the goal of 7,700,000 set for the close of 1943 is also a reason, according to the Department's announcement.

Yanks Shell Own Post To Drive Back Germans

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Italy—A sergeant and seven soldiers were shelled heavily by mortars of their own battalion—at their own request.

At one point in nine grueling days of resisting fierce German attacks, a vastly superior force overran a post held by Sgt. Alvin Biggers, of Mountain Home, Ark., and his seven men.

"Put mortar fire on our positions and we'll duck our heads," Sgt. Biggers said in a message to his company commander.

The attacking Germans got the full brunt of 60 mortar shells and retired, leaving many dead. The Americans, crouching in their foxholes, suffered only two men slightly wounded.



Q. I was discharged after overseas duty and later I was recalled to the service. Under the provisions of the new Muster-Out law, may I get my discharge pay now or must I wait until after the war?

A. You've got to wait. Men recalled to active duty are not eligible for muster-out pay until they are again discharged or relieved from active duty.

Q. What's all this "limited service" malarkey? I thought the Army no longer accepted men for limited service.

A. The Army no longer uses the term "limited service" in inducting men. In some cases, however, men who do not meet the standards for combat service may be inducted because of their special skills.

Q. When I went into the Army in 1942 I had no need for National Service Life Insurance. Now I'm married, however, and I'd like to take out a policy. I've been told that because I didn't apply before August 10, 1943, I am no longer eligible for insurance. Is this true?

A. No, you have been misinformed. You may still apply for National Service Life Insurance but you will have to pass another medical examination before the insurance is approved. August 10, 1943, was merely the last day on which a serviceman could get in-

surance without a medical examination.

Q. Lately I have noticed officers wearing Good Conduct ribbons. I thought this decoration was for enlisted men only. How about it?

A. True, the Good Conduct Medal is not awarded to officers. But officers who won them while they were enlisted men may continue to wear them after they have been commissioned.

Buses Now Meeting Northbound Trains

New schedules to provide bus transportation connecting with northbound first class trains on the Southern and Illinois Central railroads were announced this week by Moaks Bus Lines.

Connecting with the Southerner for New York, a bus will leave Camp Van Dorn at 0530 daily, arriving at Hattiesburg, Miss., at 0955. The Southerner leaves Hattiesburg at 1018.

Connecting with the Panama Limited for Chicago, a bus will leave camp at 1530 daily and arrive in McComb at 1700. The Panama Limited leaves McComb at approximately 1725 daily.

Both the Southerner and the Panama Limited are full-fare trains on which furlough tickets are not valid.

Schubert's Music Is Concert Theme

The "Unfinished" Symphony in B Flat minor, by Franz Schubert, will feature the Sunday afternoon concert at Chapel No. 6 tomorrow afternoon at 1530. The recording of the symphony was made by the Philadelphia Orchestra under the baton of Eugene Ormandy.

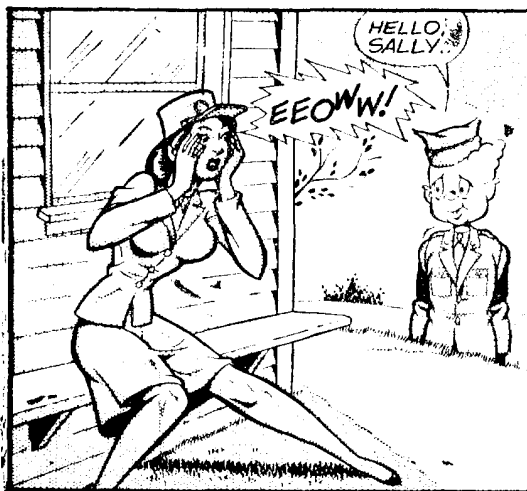
Kirsten Flagstad, Metropolitan opera star, will be heard singing "Isolde's Love-Death," from Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde." "La Mer" by Debussy, and the first and second movement of the Double Violin Concerto in D minor, by Bach, will complete the program.

The concert has been arranged by Pfc. Richard L. U. Sutch, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty.

NO AUDIENCE, NO CONCERT

The well-known Canadian violinist, Arthur LeBlanc, who was scheduled to give a recital in Div. Arty Rec. Hall Thursday night, was forced to cancel his appearance because of lack of an audience. Most of the artillerymen were out on problems so that only a few soldiers appeared in the rec. hall.

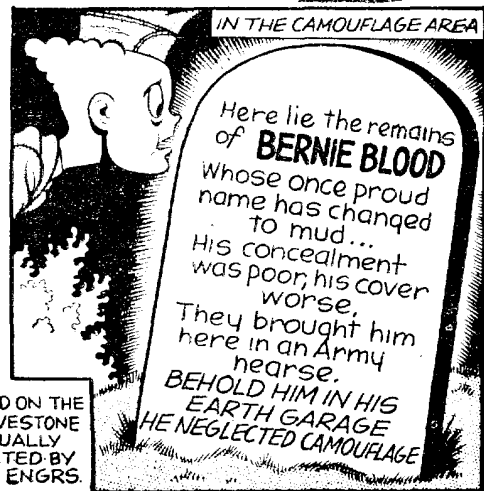
BERNIE BLOOD



Advice for a Zombie



By GILL FOX



Eight Court Teams Start Title Play Monday

White, Blue Teams Meet Strong Rivals In AAU Contests

The 63d Div. sent CT's White and Blue, two teams with a combined record of 32 victories in 36 games...

To the Blue fell the honor of playing the second game of the three-day tournament in the Loyola U. gymnasium last night...

15 Teams Qualify

Fifteen teams, the largest number in the history of the tournament, qualified to compete for the championship...

The Blood and Fire basketballers, however, left yesterday morning confident they were to play. The White had won all its games...

The two CTs presently are battling for the Combat Team League championship here at camp...

10 Player Squads

The squads each comprised 10 players under the supervision of Lts. Lawson M. Kately and Mike Naddeo...

Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, Cpls. Dan Galbraith, Peter Noon, and Monte Jenkins...

Sgt. Emery Fargas, Cpls. Raymond E. McCord, Chester Antosiewicz, and Joseph E. Eiger...

The first round pairings: Armed Guard, Algiers Naval Base vs. Coast Guard Recruiting Sta.

Coast Guard vs. Army (32), Loyola U. vs. Camp Claiborne, Emma of Baton Rouge vs. Troop 45...

Softball and Baseball Loops Start Next Month

Softball and baseball competition, patterned after the soon-to-be concluded basketball championships...

Company teams will play softball in CT leagues, with the group leaders qualifying for the Division title playoffs...

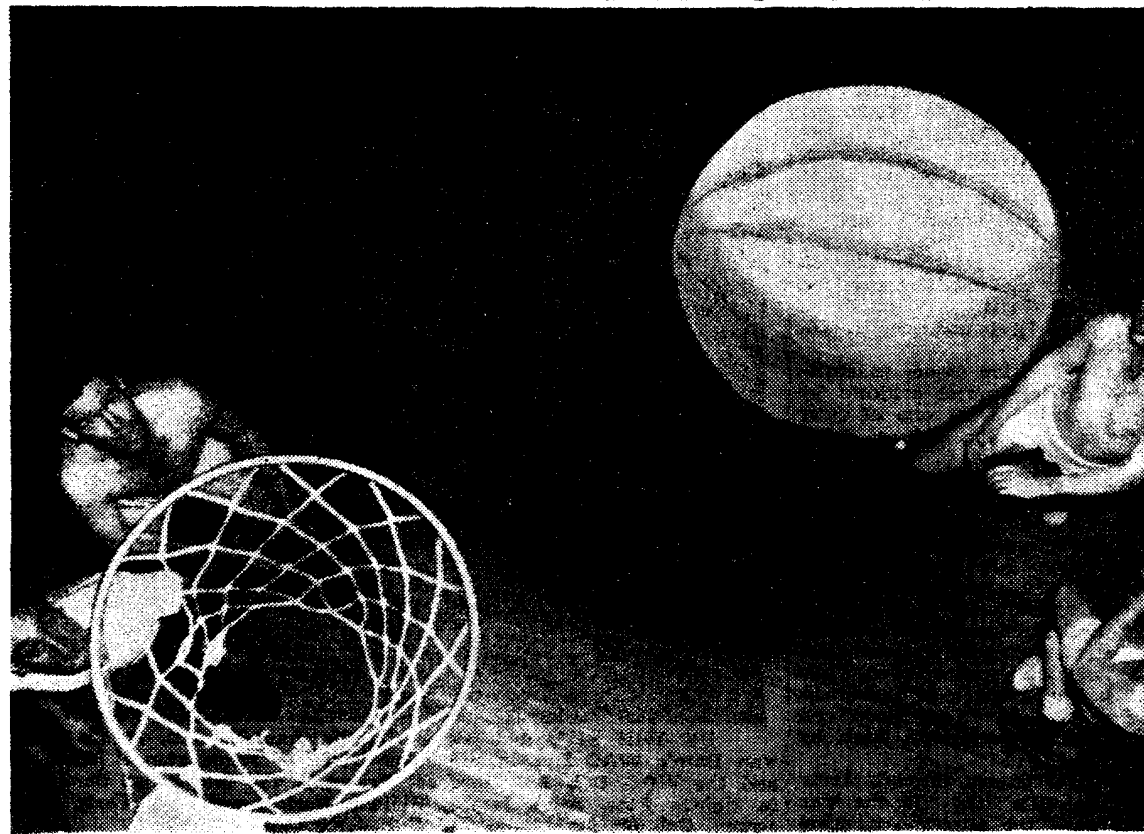
Ping Pong Tourney Starts at CT Blue

A series of ping-pong matches leading to the determination of a CT Blue champion was inaugurated in company day rooms last week...

The finals of the company eliminations will be staged in the CT Blue Rec. Hall March 13 to 17.

Winner and runner-up for the crown will receive prizes.

(Additional Sports On Page 7.)



POP SHOT is shown in this unusual photo as it sailed towards the basket from the hands of Pvt. Chapman, right, of 563d Sig. Co.

CT Blue Rout Coast Guard Five, 50-32; Cats Bow Second Time to Algiers Gobs

Blue Quintet Registers 14th Win as Bigos, Meyer Set Pace

Gathering momentum as the game progressed, CT Blue's highly geared basketball team won its fourteenth straight home game last Saturday night...

Neither team could get started with its scoring in the first quarter. The first five points were all made at the foul line.

The Coast Guard five, which leads the NO Service Team League, found itself unable to repress CT Blue's high scoring duo of Pfc. Adolf Bigos and Cpl. Jack Meyer.

Meyer sank seven two-pointers and a pair of fouls to take overall scoring honors with 16 points. Bigos wound up with five field goals and a trio of fouls for 13 points...

The Sailors despite the decisiveness of their defeat, weren't out of the game until the closing minutes. Lanseros and S/IC Bill Schutt kept making trouble for the Blue's guards...

Each team wound up with eight fouls but the leaders of the 63d Div.'s CT League sank 21 goals from the field to 12 for their opponents.

Table with player statistics for CT Blue (50) and US Coast Guard (32), including names like Bigos, Koenig, Bodkins, and totals for Goals, Fouls, and Points.

10 Division Boxers Set for New Orleans

A squad of 10 boxers from the Blood and Fire Division will be sent to the Southern AAU championships at New Orleans scheduled for March 15-16.

The 63d Div. representation will not be hand-picked, for bouts already are under way to determine the outstanding scrappers in the outfit.

CT White Defeats 605th Five, 46-28

CT White bounded back from its only defeat of the season the previous week to deal an outclassed 605th Engrs. five a 46-28 setback at the loser's Rec. Hall Friday, Feb. 25.

The Whites built a 24-14 lead in the first half with Pfc. Stan Sewinski setting the pace, and though the playing of the 605th quintet improved materially in the game's latter stages...

Sewinski dropped in nine goals to lead the individual scorers with 18 points. Cpl. Tom Mullen and T/5 McNamara each sank four two-pointers for the losers...

Lineups and statistics for CT White (46) and 605th Engrs. (28), listing players like B'Kowitz, Pfifer, DeLeitis, and totals.

Dodds Dominates Indoor Mile Field

NEW YORK—Few figures on the athletic horizon these days loom as large, or as consistently, as does the Boston "circuit rider," Gil Dodds.

Within a span of seven days the country's No. 1 miller took two of the blue-ribbon honors of the indoor track season recently, the National AAU championship.

The Baxter Mile, feature of the annual New York A. C. meet, was won in 4:08. The following Saturday night, Gil equaled the AAU record for the same distance...

One world record was equaled and another meet mark tied during the course of the national indoor championships. Ed Connell, New York University sprinter, raced 60 yards in :06.1 to tie the existing world standard for the distance.

Sailors Triumph, 60-44, As Brock Scores 20 Points in Contest

The Armed Guard from the Algiers (I.A.) Naval Base whipped CT Red for the second time at the losers' Rec. Hall Saturday night, 60-44, doing the job in a more decisive manner than previously.

Led by their center, Brock, the Sailors put on a 28-goal exhibition that enabled them to clearly dominate the issue. At half-time the visiting quintet showed a 26-18 lead and except for a few moments in the second-half...

The combination of Baldwin, at forward, and Brock packed a decisive scoring punch for the Armed Guard. Between them they accounted for 13 field goals and a pair of fouls.

Lineups and statistics for CT Red (44) and Armed Guard (60), listing players like Ogden, Neri, McManis, and totals.

DIVISION BASKETBALL LINEUPS

Large table listing basketball lineups for various teams including Green League, CT Blue, and CT Red, with player names and statistics.

Two Best Outfits In Combat Loops Meet in Tourney

Eight company teams, finishing one-two in their respective leagues, will inaugurate a series of elimination games Monday night...

Participants in the playoffs will represent the best of the fives which today completed the pennant chases in the CT Red, White, Blue and the Green leagues.

To Determine Second

Previously, Hq. Co. 254th Inf. Regt., Cn. Co., 254th Inf., and Co. C, 363d Medics, had attained top honors in their respective loops...

Crowning of a champion in the Combat Team League is tentatively scheduled for next week. CTs White and Blue, the outstanding quintets in the Division...

Co. A in Red Final

Games were played in all circuits this past week. What probably was the most thrilling one found Co. A (Continued on Page 7)

Lt. Bond Registers 322 in Links Test

Playing consistently, although not quite up to the quality of golf of which he apparently is capable, Lt. Ralph E. Bond...

The lieutenant covered the wind and rain-swept 6,700-yard layout with a score of 322 for the four-day tournament.

War Bonds in a sum well in excess of \$3,000,000 were sold during the tournament, admission to the affair played on the City Park links being possible only by purchase of a bond.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Well, they just flunked one of my rifle platoons the other day in that test problem they are giving us, and as much as I hate to admit it I am damned glad they did. What happened was this: When the squad making the envelopment started to assault the enemy position, the Non-com in command of the base of fire gave "Cease firing" and that squad ran almost one hundred yards with nary a shot fired. I hate to think what would have happened to it in a real fight. I could just see the grinning buck teeth on those pasteboard targets as they rose up and mowed my boys down.

But what made me maddest was the reason the Sergeant gave me. "Gee, Sarge," he said, "I was afraid somebody would get hurt." "Get hurt, hell," I said, "you eer just fixing it up so that a lot of them will get hurt later on, and you haven't helped this outfit today,



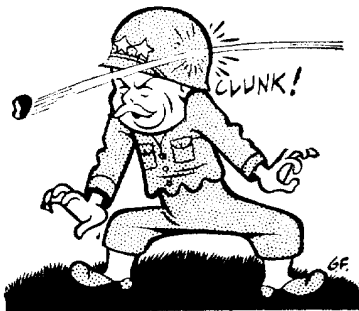
either." And then I showed him a newspaper clipping about a bunch of our boys over there who were about to be overrun by a bunch of Heinies. They just called for mortar fire on their own position and climbed down in their foxholes. Result: Plenty of dead Germans, attack beaten off, two of our men wounded.

Suppose that sergeant had been afraid some of his men would get hurt! Everybody knows that in battle you do just what you have been trained to do and nothing else. That's why you've got to learn now to keep the Heinies' heads down until the assault gets

on top of them. I can't help crossing my fingers when I see my boys come charging in, but that's your buddy down there in that base of fire and he's doing you a good turn by kicking up dust in your face. The Lord knows it's hard enough to hit something when you're trying to, but when you are not trying, why, the other guy's as safe as if he is in a church as far as you are concerned. So, my tip to you is to keep a-shootin' if you are in that base of fire. You are just prolonging your buddy's life.

Now, just one more tip and I am through for this week. When you hit the ground in these problems here, get something between you and the enemy. In a real fight you are just committing suicide when you flop down in the open—especially on the forward slope of a hill—in full view of the enemy. You would be a damned sight safer if you fired standing up from the other side of the hill, from where you could just see the enemy and hitting the ground between shots.

Many of you seem to have forgotten all firing positions except the prone. In my outfit I have finally gotten around to carrying a pocket full of rocks and when I see a soldier out in the open I just



start throwing. A bump on the head is better than a hole in the innards. Damned few of us want to die prematurely, and that's just what you are setting up for yourself. So, take it from me; get where you can see the enemy but where he can't see you.



GI CHEESECAKE is this photo by Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Inf. A wag suggested that the boys strike up this pose after seeing photo of PX girls in last week's BLOOD AND FIRE. They are, left to right, Pfc. Hugh Short, Pvt. Fred Koenig, Pfc. John Castro, Pvt. Charles Gallighugh, Sgt. Howard Dehner, Pfc. Robert Taylor, and Pfc. Harry Dunlap.

Former Pro's Golf Clubs Aided Paralysis Victims

Giving aid and comfort to victims of infantile paralysis is usually considered in the realm of medicine, but the 253d Inf. has in its complement a man who has accomplished that mission with golf clubs.

The Form 20 of Pvt. William H. Woodbury, Hq. Co. 3d Bn. records his civilian occupation as golf professional.

Bill Woodbury was a golf professional, as the record shows. But, while his scores seldom were listed with those of the game's outstanding "playing pros," his accomplishments with the afflicted on the practice tees and greens apparently entitled him to commensurate stature among instructors of the game.

Woodbury never developed any champions while teaching at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, although some of his pupils became better than average score-makers. His greatest contribution in golf was in teaching a number of women victims of the disease to play the game—and thereby renew the use of atrophied arms and legs.

"One day a young woman was brought to me by her parents," Woodbury says. "They thought the exercise incidental to golfing would

do her some good. They were right.

Discarded Braces
"Much patience and persistence was required to get her started. Her arms and legs had been ravaged by the disease. It took two or three years, but eventually she improved, physically as well as mechanically, to the point where she was able to play in tournaments.

"One girl was able to discard the braces from both legs after several months and still another pupil, whose right hand was bent almost double behind her wrist, undertook to play from a left-hand stance and succeeded."

This native of Rahway, N. J. however, devoted himself to other golfing matters, principally fostering participation in the game by youngsters and the development of group instruction.

Active in the Professional Golfers' Association, this ex-caddy used his influence to get that organization and others to give their support to tournaments for juniors. The district junior championship consequently came to rank with the Philadelphia amateur, women's and pro titular tournaments in interest and in size.

Taught Golf Groups
Most recently he directed his efforts toward creating greater popularity for group golfing classes. Young women at the University of Pennsylvania and at private schools took practice swings under his direction. His class at the Germantown (Pa.) YWCA at one time boasted 135 enrollees.

Before entering the Army, in which he had three years training as a member of the 103d Cav. Regt., Pa. Natl. Guard, Woodbury laid aside his clubs to work in a war plant. He had to pick them up again, however, for his innate enthusiasm for the game made him the prime mover in creation of a league whose membership comprised employees of 16 war plants.

Public and private courses, including the superb Merion C. C. east course at Ardmore, Pa., were made available to the workers. Tournament play was at its peak when Woodbury finally laid aside his clubs for a rifle.

There are 77,980 garden plots beside railroad right-of-ways in Britain, cared for by men and women who work on the roads.

Two Best Outfits In Title Tourney

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qualifying for the CT Red final by nosing in ahead of Co. K, 22-21, Despite Co. A's ability to assume an 11-2 lead early in the game, the game was tied at 18-18 in the fourth quarter. In the closing minute Cpl. Horace Brown intercepted a pass, dribbled the length of the court and scored the layup shot that pulled Co. A from behind to victory.

In CT White, Hq. and Co. H made the playoffs without much opposition. Hq. Co. coasted to a 34-22 decision over Co. M for the "National League" title. It was a 38-18 victory over Hq. Co. 2d Bn., that catapulted Co. H into the "American League" leadership and the playoffs.

Three Teams Survive
Three of the four teams in last night's playoffs made the grade for those games with victories scored during the past week. Co. F upset Co. G, 25-21, for consideration in the CT Blue set-up. The 563d Sig. and Co. A of the 363d Medics each had to score a pair of victories in order to play for second honors in the Green League.

The Sig. Co. qualified with well merited triumphs over the 63d QM and 763d Ord. Cos. The Medics bowled over H/S Co. 263d Engrs. and Div. Hq. to win their place on the program.

The two leading teams in the CT League also registered respective victories this week. CT Blue pulled off a 45-41 defeat of CT Red, while CT White flogged the much beaten 363d Med. 53-27.

CT Blue (43)			CT Red (41)		
G	F	P	G	F	P
Bigos, f	5	5	Ogden, f	4	2
Koenig, f	0	0	McManion, f	6	2
Boakins, f	1	0	Mehall, c	7	2
Scobee, f	1	0	O'Lghlin, g	2	4
Meyer, c	0	0	Fogel, g	4	1
McCord, c	4	0	Smith, g	0	0
Ant'wicz, c	0	0			
Lanzetti, g	3	0			
Sh'wich, g	6	0			
Dondona, g	0	0			
Totals	20	5	Totals	17	7

CT LEAGUE			363d Med. Bn. (27)			
CT White (53)	G	F	P	G	F	P
Pfifer, f	3	0	6	Mitchell, f	3	3
Jenkins, f	0	0	0	Lentz, f	0	0
B'kowitz, f	4	1	9	Burns, f	2	0
Ecel'gs, f	0	0	0	S'nhart, c	1	0
Sew'ski, c	9	4	22	Andrews, g	1	2
McCabe, g	2	0	4	Bogan, g	1	0
DeLellis, g	6	0	12	Mace, g	1	0
Hubbard, g	0	0	0	McNeill, g	2	0
Galt'h, g	0	0	0			
Totals	24	5	53	Totals	11	5

Great Britain imports 30 or 40 million tons of raw material and foodstuffs annually.

Two New Schools Teach Division Communications

Two new Division Communications Schools under the direction of Maj. Charles W. Hibbs, Division Signal Officer, will begin at Camp Van Dorn Monday. The schools will offer separate courses for radio operators and message center personnel.

The CW radio operators school will continue for five weeks and will be held daily Monday through Friday. There will be 30 men from each infantry regiment, four per artillery battalion, 10 men from the 263d Engr. and 30 from the 563d Signal Co.

The message center school will continue for four weeks, Monday through Friday, and will include 20 men from each infantry regiment, four from Division Artillery, four from each artillery battalion, and 15 from 563d Signal Co.

The schools will be held at the Division Communication School building, Sixth Avenue at 14th Avenue.

Each month 50,000 Allied fliers are trained in the effects of oxygen lack at altitudes ranging up to 38,000 feet.

Bronze Star, New Award May Go to Infantrymen

Details of a new medal award to be known as the Bronze Star were announced last week in Washington. The award will be given for heroic or meritorious service against the enemy not involving aerial flight. It is expected to give ground troops approximately the same chance to win an award as have airmen with their easily-obtained air medal.

The bronze star may be awarded for "acts of gallantry or meritorious service" either in actual combat or in direct support of combat operations. It is expected that members of the Army Ground Forces, particularly Infantrymen, may lead the eligibility lists. In order or precedence the new award will rank between the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart. Pending design of the medal itself, ribbons of Old Glory Red will be distributed to recipients of the star.

ROXBORO, N. C.—While feeding his mule, Waldo Satterfield lost his billfold, containing \$100. When he discovered the loss he went to the stall to look for it. All he could find was the indigestible zipper.

Almost 'Every Nighter'

"The Saturday Niter" is the name given each film of ancient vintage shown at the CT White Rec. Hall Saturday nights. Judging by its usage, the pseudonym given the film is rather inappropriate.

The film gets around as much as a souse on a three-day bender. After its presentation at the Rec. Hall, it moves across the road to the NCO club for a second showing.

The following day the 263d Engrs., Station Hospital and Service Club No. 2 give the film a going over and Monday it gets its last workout at the Officers' Club.

"The Scarlet Pimpernel," featuring the late Leslie Howard, is scheduled to make the rounds this week end, starting at 1930 tonight. As an added feature "Monarchs of the Ring," a saga of the prize fight world, will also be shown.

He'll Have To Go Through Chanel's

Male Call

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



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