

Laugh at Work, Salute With Greeting, Says Gen. Hibbs

For Humorous Drawings of Gen'l Orders See Page 2

BLOOD AND FIRE

For the Real Truth About M. P.'s, turn to Page 8

VOL. 1, No. 4

63D INFANTRY DIVISION, CAMP BLANDING, FLORIDA

July 9, 1943

1 Maj. Gen., 2 B. G.'s Now in 63d

Hi! Soldier, Says Div. CO

It's Only War We've Got, Have Fun and Don't Cry In Your Beer, is Advice

"Salute with a smile and a spoken greeting and take your work with a grin," said Major General Louis E. Hibbs yesterday as he commended the entire division at an assemblage in the open air theatre.

"I want something new in saluting," the General said. "Saluting, in my opinion," he continued, "has too long been too formal and awkward a way of speaking to a comrade-in-arms. It is entirely lacking in warmth. Therefore I want to establish the custom of exchanging a spoken greeting also. And I want it to become distinctive of the personnel of this division, and I am officially setting it up right now that our personnel, when within speaking distance, will address the person saluted."

Scores Lack of Humor
The General hit a responsive chord when he said, "I like to speak to, and be spoken to by the person saluting me—and after all we are in the same business, aren't we?"

General Hibbs also scored the lack of humor he'd found while observing the men and officers at work. Their troubles were his troubles and such seriousness affected him, he declared.

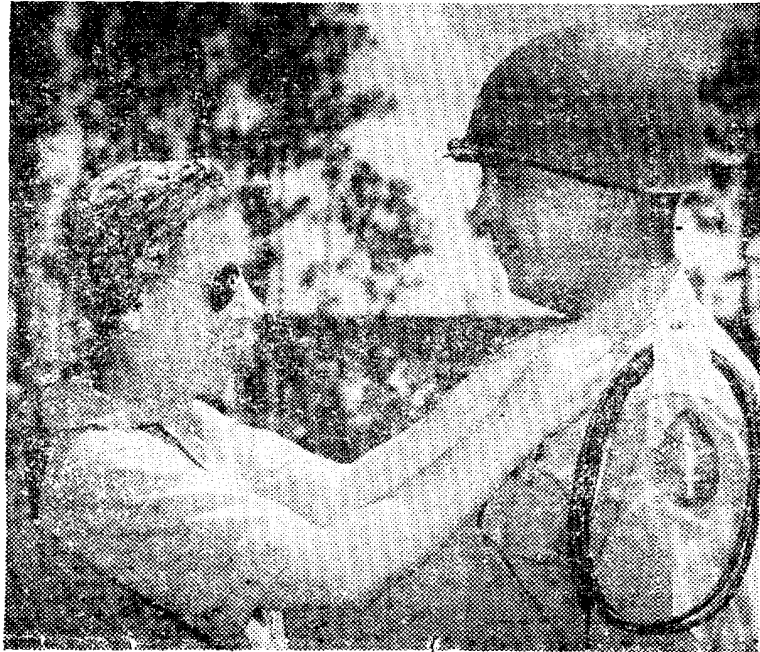
"Contrary perhaps to the usual conception of things military, I don't see any good reason for your being as serious and sad-faced about your daily work as you have been appearing when I come around," the Division Commander stated.

No Use Crying In Our Beer
"When you look that way," he continued, "you worry me, really. This is my war too, and I'm going to continue to laugh right in its bloody face because I like to take it that way; besides, there's a hell of a lot of fun in being a good soldier! Remember, you and I are headed down the same tough road and we've got to get together—and we can't start in any too soon learning to laugh off our troubles. So get busy and cultivate a smile—be a builder-upper!"

"This cheerfulness and enthusiasm about his job is the heart and soul of the good soldier. Anything worth doing's worth doing well. Don't be content with being less than a thousand-percenter at anything you try; there's no satisfaction like licking a tough assignment, so shoot the works on anything you're given to do—you'll like yourself better for it."

Shoot the Works
The Division's leader also interjected a word about the NCO clubs. "There are several reasons for my great interest in them, he said. When our heavy work comes along I know that by the end of the day you're going to be as distracted as a mother dog with ten pups and I want you to have the opportunity to relax by yourselves, so you'll be fit for the morrow. In

MRS. MAKES IT OFFICIAL



Mrs. Louis E. Hibbs, wife of the 63d Division Commander, makes her husband's promotion official by pinning on the second star signifying his elevation to Major General during ceremonies held Monday noon.

Bill In Congress Would Provide For Voting By V-Mail

WASHINGTON—A proposal to permit servicemen overseas to vote by V-Mail has been introduced into the Senate by Senators Lucas of Illinois and Green of Rhode Island.

The new bill, if passed, would provide for Presidential and Congressional elections only. States would not be permitted to require servicemen to vote, and, in addition, poll taxes to servicemen would be outlawed for the duration.

To soldiers within the continental limits of the United States cards addressed to the Secretary of State of the soldier's own state would be distributed. These cards would request of the state an official War Ballot, to vote for electors for National and state officials.

Soldiers overseas would be given an official overseas War Ballot suitable for V-Mailing. No names would be printed on the ballots. Instead, soldiers would be required to write in the names of the candidates they were voting for.

To the commanding officers of overseas units would be distributed lists of names of the candidates up for election. These unit commanders would then be responsible for the distribution, collection, and forwarding of ballots. It would also be their responsibility to see that every soldier under-

addition, I want you also at the same time to give a helping hand to our new NCO's by your informal counsel and guidance during these off-duty hours. In this, by a wise and helpful handling, you can assist materially in final selection of these NCO's and you will unconsciously do the major part of moulding them to the proper pattern."

"Remember," the General concluded, "when you salute I want it to mean 'Hi Yah! Soldier'."

6,800,000 In Army

In a dramatic talk last week before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, assured the country that the United Nations are rapidly approaching a "final victory."

The General further said that we would bring the war home to Japan in such a way that "the whole empire will feel its full impact in a most violent and destructive way."

In indicating the rapidity with which our Army has grown, Gen. McNarney pointed to the fact that last year the Army had only 2,500,000 men—and at that these men were only partially trained and equipped. Right now, said the General, we have in the vicinity of 6,800,000 men.

"The Army has no plans for raising its armed forces beyond the 8,200,000 officers and men, including 150,000 WACS, set for its goal by the end of the year," he said. "Once the goal of 7,500,000 enlisted men and non-commissioned officers is reached, it is our intention to maintain our Army at that seven and a half million strength for the balance of the 1944 fiscal year."

stood the procedure and had a fair opportunity to vote.

Experience in the last election indicates, said Senator Green, that methods of soldier voting could be greatly improved.

"It is important," he said, "not only to legislate to give the men and women in the armed services the vote, but to make sure that such legislation is enforced regardless of where they are."

In Great Britain plans were being laid to permit servicemen to vote by mail or proxy after the war. During the war there will be no general elections in England. The only elections held will be those to fill vacancies in the ranks of Parliament as they occur.

Hibbs Gets 2 Stars; Harris, McGaw, Now Brigadier Generals

News From Your Own Home Town

Indianapolis (CNS)—Richard Kenniger spied a clean sheet on a washline, laid it on the ground, plopped down for a nap. In court he explained he liked clean sheets. "Ten days," said the judge. "And change the sheets on his cell cot."

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—The wails of a six-month-old baby saved 15 persons from possible death when fire broke out in an apartment house. The baby, Effie May Drake, awakened her parents by crying when she smelled smoke. The parents aroused 12 other persons sleeping in the house and all made their escape to the street.

Los Angeles (CNS)—The laugh is on the thief who stole Joe Jackson's bicycle. The bike falls apart leaving the rider pedaling along on one wheel.

Morganton, N. C. (CNS)—Vernon Garrison has a smart fox terrier. The other day the dog came home with a dollar bill in his mouth.

Natick, Mass. (CNS)—Summer Hersey and his family went without meat for three weeks in order to pile up enough ration points to buy a roast beef dinner for Hersey's brother's birthday. While they were sipping their soup the family dog stole the roast.

New Rochelle, N. Y. (CNS)—Six-times-wed Tommy Manville, the red hot asbestos heir, is ready to embark on marriage number seven. The lucky girl, says Tommy, is Jane Weeks, a honey haired little number from Hollywood, who has been vacationing at Manville's estate here. Manville insisted that he's got to get married again in a hurry for the newspapers will forget me."

Philadelphia (CNS)—Danton Jacobson, 10, planned to surprise his parents by cooking dinner. When they arrived they found the kitchen windows shattered—Donald dazed but unharmed in a corner. He waited too long before lighting the stove after turning on the gas.

San Francisco (CNS)—The manpower shortage has caused a vacancy in the Health department here. The vacancy is for a rat catcher. Women applicants will be considered—if any.

Tulsa, Okla. (CNS)—A prisoner escaped from city jail. Later he thoughtfully called the keepers to announce that he was 30 miles away. Aided by his considerate tip the police soon recaptured him.

Chicago (CNS)—World didy changing champ is Joe Lansu, janitor who "changed" his 1-year-old daughter in 6 and 4/10 seconds—a new international record.

Gen's March Played By 63d Division Band At Three Promotions

To the thrilling strains of the General's March the 63d's three ranking officers received their promotions last Monday.

To the collar of the Division Commander, Brig. General Louis E. Hibbs, were affixed the double stars of a Major General. At the same time Brigadier General's stars were given to Col. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and Col. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander.

All three Generals were nominated by the President for their present ranks on July 1st. Notification of Senate approval came on the morning of the 5th.

The ceremony was marked by simple but impressive pageantry. Gen. Hibbs personally attached the stars of office to the uniforms of Cols. Harris and McGaw. At the conclusion of each pinning the Division Band played the General's March, while the assembled officers saluted.

Gen. Hibbs Gets Rewarded
Mrs. Hibbs was then escorted forward by the Chief of Staff, Col. Earle G. Wheeler, to pin the extra star on the General's collar. Again the band played the General's March, and again the attending officers saluted while Mrs. Hibbs congratulated the General with a kiss.

Following the ceremony, witnessing officers, who included the regimental commanders and the various Division staff officers, gathered around the Generals to offer their congratulations.

Maj. General Hibbs was graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1916 to become a 2d Lieutenant in the Army. Serving in the Field Artillery of the famous 1st Division in the last war, the General was twice wounded and was decorated with the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

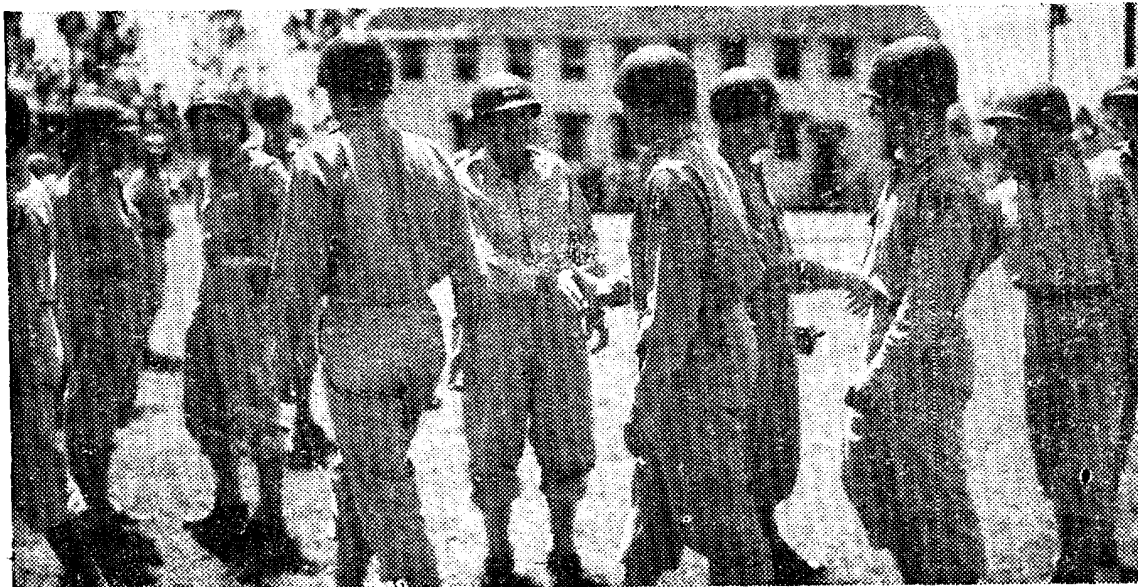
Promoted to the rank of Major during the war, the General served in that rank as Adjutant to General MacArthur when that hero was Superintendent at West Point. In 1920, the General was Artillery Commander of the 36th Infantry Division.

The General is the father of 18 year old Louis E., Jr., a private in the Army.

Gen. Harris Commissioned in 1920
Brig. Gen. Harris, a Georgian by birth, received his commission from West Point in 1920. Included in his service are three years in China and five years in the tropics—two in Puerto Rico and three in Panama. In Panama the General was Assistant G-2 on the General Staff of the Panama Canal Department. In May, 1942 he was recalled to the states to serve with the Latin American Section of the Military Intelligence Service.

Gen. Harris is married and the
Continued On Page Two

New Generals Receive Congratulations



Brigadier Generals Frederick M. Harris, left, and Edward J. McGaw, Assistant Division and Artillery Commander, respectively, are shown receiving congratulations on their rise to that rank during ceremonies held near Division Headquarters Monday noon. Surrounded by well wishers, Generals Harris and McGaw shared honors with Division Commander Louis E. Hibbs who was advanced to the rank of Major General.

Generals

Continued From Page One
father of four children ranging in age from six to eighteen.

Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw was born in Philadelphia in 1901. A member of the same class as Gen. Harris, he also was commissioned in 1920. From West Point, the General went to Fort Knox, Ky. to take the Field Artillery Basic Course. From there he was sent to Hawaii, where he became the Lightweight Boxing Champion of the Island.

Gen. McGaw Was Fighter
Gen. McGaw taught mathematics for several years at West Point after coming back to the States, and commanded various artillery units until July, 1942 when he became Assistant G-3 for the Army Ground Forces in Washington.

The General still keeps up his interest in sports and boxing. He is a member of both the N. C. A. A. Boxing Rules and American Olympic Boxing Committees.

Another promotion announced recently was that of Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, the 63d's Chief of Staff, to Colonel. Col. Wheeler was commissioned from West Point in 1932. His experience prior to coming to the Division includes service with the 15th Inf. in China, a year of teaching at West Point, and various staff assignments with the 3d, the 36th, and the 99th Divisions.

RECON SHOWS WAY IN AUTO CHECK-UPS

Our "up and coming" spot check team under the personal supervision of 1st Lt. J. D. Huggins, is in full stride and is out there every day calling 'em as they see 'em. Their motto "fairness toward all—malice toward none" has earned the admiration and respect of all automotive-minded members of this Division—that should mean everyone in or connected with the Fighting 63d.

At the close of semi-monthly periods this team will have called the balls, strikes and errors on every team in the 63d Division Automotive League. Scores are tabulated and each team will be placed in its proper place in the league standings. The six top-ranking teams will be shown in the box scores as the "select" or top-ranking sluggers. Proper training, perfect timing and coordination of effort and determination will keep the leaders on top, or in the "select" circle. The significance of the "Blood and Fire" insignia, as worn by every member of the Sixty-third Division, is the inspiration that gives each member of the Automotive League the courage and determination to make good on that pledge made at Casablanca.

This Army is on wheels. When Army vehicle wheels stop rolling, those who have put their faith in our automotive maintenance crews are let down. Remember that phrase, "who gets their fusteds with the mosted men." Those responsible for the automotive battle-front of The Sixty-third Division, the maintenance of automotive equipment of the Sixty-third Division, pledge themselves to keep their equipment in such condition that when the command is given to take them "over the top" there will be no disappointments.

Six Leading Batters
Period ending July 3, 1943
63d Recon. Troop 1st Place
363d Med. Bn. 2nd Place
862nd FA Bn. 3rd Place
Div. Hqrs. Co. 4th Place
253rd Inf. Regt. 5th Place
263rd Engr. Bn. 6th Place

Hits—Quite a few.
Runs—Not enough.
Errors—Decreasing.
IS YOUR OUTFIT UP THERE?
Will these teams hold that line?
Watch this space for the answer.

Rentals

For the convenience of officers and enlisted men of the 63d Division, BLOOD and FIRE will carry a free advertising column weekly. Any one on the post is entitled to use this column and anyone on the post may submit an ad by phoning 306.

So if you have a house to rent or a car to sell let BLOOD and FIRE know about it. And remember, too,—this is a free service; there's absolutely no charge.

FOR RENT — At Keystone Heights, 23 miles from camp, furnished bungalow, 2 bedrooms, 1 living room, dining room, bath, kitchen, screened-in porch and garage. Can be obtained for approximately \$40 per month. Interested parties should contact Chaplain Montgomery by phoning Hospital Board, Extension 226.

TCH!, TCH!

Springfield, Ill.—Senator John J. Parrish plans to enter the Navy soon. Members of the State Senate held a small party for him in which he was presented with a watch and a sword.

He didn't keep the sword very long, though, because right after

254th Chow Lover Will Beef No More

Receiving a letter from a friend on desert maneuvers in California, Sgt. John V. Nichols, of Company "D", 254th Infantry, took a solemn vow that he'd do no more beefing about the chow placed before him. Seems that the letter said that all they were eating at each meal in the desert was a bowl of soup—and as an appetizer, a stick of chewing gum and four cigarettes.

What matter if the fried eggs are cold; the lamb stew spiced and peppered until it tastes among other things, somewhat like a mixture of Bermuda Pepper Pot and Mexican Tamales; or if our all-time favorite SOS is ice box chilled and slightly geasy!

No matter at all, now, according to Sgt. Nichols! The 254th's mess sergeant doesn't think he ever did much beefing anyway. He's much too fond of his chow! No, we didn't even suggest that he was a chow-bound.

was a Civil War relic and couldn't be taken from the museum. The presentation, officials of the State Museum came around and took it away, explaining that it

ARTILLERY MEN BLAST TARGETS

Artillery units are still doing alright for themselves on the rifle range.

Showing a Doughboy proficiency, sixteen members of the 718th Field Artillery Battalion went out on the range recently and of the four officers and twelve enlisted men firing, seven qualified as Experts, seven as Sharpshooters and two as Marksmen.

Not to be outdone, Battery C of the 863d Field Artillery Battalion, sent two officers and a pair of enlisted men to the firing line and of this quartet, two returned Experts and two Sharpshooters.

Keep squeezing 'em in, fellers; keep squeezing 'em in!

HOT ONE ON HIM

Tacoma, Wash.—Because of his deafness, Immanuel Schroder had to have a special system rigged up to wake him up in the morning. He attached his alarm clock to an electric motor in such a way, that the motor would shake his bed and wake him up at the desired time.

The alarm went off while he was away. The bed was shaken so hard and long that a fire was started by the resulting friction. The house burned down.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

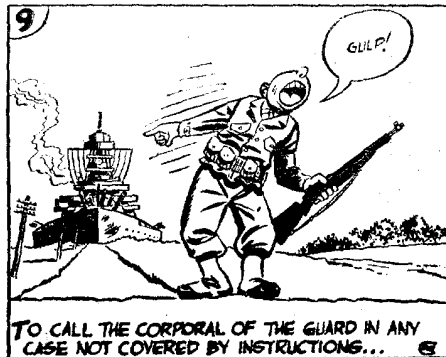
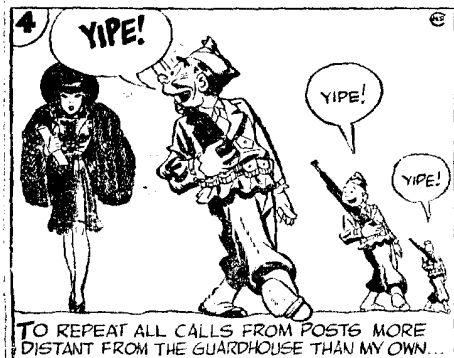
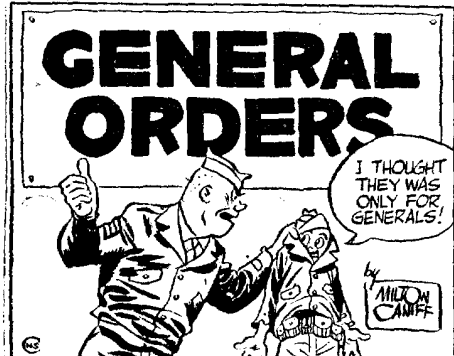
Religious Services for Sunday, July 11

- General Protestant Services**
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 1000
Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 1000
Chapel No. 20, 254th Inf. 1000
Chapel No. 21, 263d Inf. 1030
Chapel No. 4, 363d Med. Bn. 0800
263d Engr. and 63d QM Co. 0800
Chapel No. 5, Div. Artillery 0900
Chapel No. 5, Div. Artillery 1000
- Roman Catholic Services: Mass**
Chapel No. 4, 363d Med. Bn. 0800
263d Engr. and 63d QM Co. 0800
Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 0800
Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 21, 253d Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 20, 254th Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 0900
Chapel No. 6, Div. Artillery 0900
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 1100

- Chapel No. 4, Sunday Christian Science Service 1100
- Weekday Religious Services**
Roman Catholic:
Morning Mass: 0600—Monday to Saturday, Chapel No. 21.
Evening Mass: 1830—Monday, Tuesday and Friday, Chapel No. 18.
Confessions: 1600-1700 — Saturday, Chapel No. 21.
1900 - 2000—Saturday, Chapels (all).
Jewish Services:
Friday: 1845—Chapel No. 20, 254th Inf. Regt. Chapel.
Christian Science Service:
Chapel No. 4—363d Med. Bn. area—Thursday 2000.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Elberton, Ga. (CNS)—A county judge, filling out a marriage license application, asked the prospective bridegroom the name of his fiancée. "Just leave that blank," said the fellow. "I'm courting two girls and I haven't made up my mind."



Copyright 1943 by Milton Caniff, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

Spent Two Years Without Seeing White Girl



Talking about "the good old days in Greenland" where even the jeeps wore earmuffs are Sgts. Robert H. Stubben and Len Fowler, Jr., and Cpls. Richard B. Hoyt and Clarence E. Beck. They look none the worse for their two years spent amid the rigors and hardships of icy Greenland. When the above picture was taken the other two men of the rugged sextet, Sgt. Joseph W. Kalinowski and Pvt. Thomas L. Abel were home on furlough.

ASF Solves Another Big Supply Problem

WASHINGTON — Engineers of the Army Service Forces, making history all over the World, have solved much of the fuel problem for United Nations' bombers in the Mediterranean theater, according to a release from the War Department.

Latest feat of the Engineers has been to lay portable pipelines from North African harbors to inland airfields. The new lines served a two-fold purpose. They obviated the necessity of big dumps which made excellent targets for the enemy bombers and saved fuel that would have been used by tank trucks to transport their loads inland from the coastal ports.

Lines now operating in the African theater are upwards of 50 miles in length. Pumping stations located along the lines produce a flow of aviation gasoline totaling 700 tons a day. With fuel comprising more than half of the dead-weight tonnage moved to the front during the recent campaign, the pipelines aided greatly in the problem of supply.

The pipelines are comprised of a light-weight steel with sections short enough for one man to handle. A special coupling locks the sections together with little time needed for the operation. One truck can carry as much as 1000 feet of the pipe.

In their work, the engineers found it necessary, however, to bury the pipe to prevent damage by tanks and trucks crossing its path.

Traded Cigarets, Candy For Skins, Other Souvenirs

Any G. I. who feels like running to his top kick and sobbing on said top's shoulder over the hardships of Army life can take a lesson from a few boys who've just come back from Greenland and are now with the 763d Ordnance Co.

No recruits are these men. Their service ranges from two and a half years to twelve. They are Sgt. Joseph W. Kalinowski, Sg. Len Fowler, Jr., Sg. Robert Stubben, Cpl. Richard B. Hoyt, Pvt. Thomas L. Abel, and Pvt. Clarence E. Beck.

Three Months for Mail
As members of the first American Expeditionary Force to occupy Greenland, they spent two solid years there. Mail took three months to arrive—when it did arrive, 70 mile an hour winds swirled around them almost incessantly, blowing down tents and scattering equipment. Fiords were a mass of ice 64 inches deep.

Major sport in Greenland was hunting. Polar bears, seals, and snowshoe rabbits were plentiful. The waters surrounding the Island Continent were also abundant with life. Especially popular was the salmon trout.

The weather was cold and windy all the year round. To reach the transport ships, they used to ride over the frozen bay in tractors and Diamond T trucks.

Of course, there was a good side to the cold. Soldiers stationed in Greenland turned it into a sort of Sun Valley with constant competition in Ice Hockey and other winter sports.

Ruinous on Vehicles
The intense cold necessitated many changes in equipment and in the customary methods of handling equipment. A special oil had to be used on the guns to keep the parts from freezing. Automobile batteries and other items of that sort required especially tender handling to keep them functioning. "Greenland," says Sgt. Fowler, "can ruin a vehicle faster than any place I have ever seen in my 9 years in the Army."

It was pretty lonely in Greenland, the six men agree. Outside of soldiers the only people they ever saw were occasional eskimos. They used to trade cigarettes and candy with the eskimos for souvenirs and skins.

No White Women
"Women?" said Cpl. Hoyt in answer to a question. "We didn't see a white woman in two solid years. You can imagine how we felt when we got back to America. It was wonderful."

Rationing Drives Man to Army

Kalamazoo, Mich. (CNS)—Rationing made civilian life much too complicated for George Lampher, so he's back in the Army. Discharged because he was over 38, Lampher said that he found civilian life "just one coupon after another."

Gold Leaf + Star = Major General

Waiting in the sales Commissary several weeks ago to make a purchase, Lt. Col. John M. Hardaway, Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence, then a Major, noticed two civilians talking, seemingly about him.

When the Colonel stepped up to the counter, one of the civilians approached him, "Pardon me," said the civilian, pointing to the general staff insignia the Colonel wore, "but would you mind telling us what that star on your collar indicates?"

"Not at all," said the Colonel, "it's the general staff insignia." "Oh," said the civilian. He turned to his companion. "See," he said, "I told you he wasn't a general."

The Colonel laughed. "What did you think this major's leaf was for, if you had me figured out for a general?"

"Oh, that's all right," they told him, "We thought you were a major general."

Honor Roll

For the next few issues BLOOD AND FIRE intends to publish a weekly Honor Roll of those units which have succeeded in getting 100% subscriptions to the Division's newspaper.

The units listed below have all attained BLOOD AND FIRE'S first Honor Roll.

- ★
- 253d Inf.
- 254th Inf.
- 255th Inf.
- 63d Div. Artillery Headquarters.
- 63d Div. Headquarters and Separate Companies.

NAVY OUSTS 15 YEAR OLD JAP KILLER

Portland, Ore.—Veteran of a year's service in the Navy, Louis Edward Olivera is home again with a discharge for being under age—he's only 15.

Louis, a Seaman, first class, served in Guadalcanal and is credited with killing at least one Jap with his bayonet.

He can't figure out why the Navy is picking on him. "The Navy is full of kids 14 and 15," he says.

"WE STRIKE WITH FIRE" MOTTO OF 718TH F. A.

"We Strike With Fire" is the motto of the 718th Field Artillery Bn. and when the 155mm howitzers of that organization deliver their concentrations of high explosive shell up to eight miles distance from the howitzer positions, the truth in that motto is apparent.

Knockout Punch

The Field Artillery is the knockout punch available to the Infantry commander. The 718th can lay down a concentration of fire covering an area of 300 yards by 300 yards in which no earthly creature could survive. Over enemy troops in foxholes, through the use of time shell, the 718th F. A. Bn. can place an umbrella of twisting shell fragments—making the foxhole a grave.

The 718th (medium artillery) is composed of four batteries; Headquarters and Service, "A," "B," and "C". The Headquarters and service Battery provides personnel for special technical teams such as communications, supply, personnel, ammunition train, motor maintenance, and the survey and fire direction teams. The other three batteries are known as firing batteries. Their weapon is the 155 mm howitzer of which each battery has four.

Can Fire 200 Rounds Per Hour

The projectile weighs about 95 pounds and is effective over an area from 75 to 100 yards in diameter. When it is rammed into the breech from a cradle, powder bags placed behind it, a small primer inserted, and breech closed, the howitzer is ready to fire. After each round is fired the breech must be swabbed to prevent premature fire on following rounds. For sustained fire the crew manning the howitzer can fire two rounds per minute and when the entire battery is firing about two hundred rounds per hour can be fired. This rate of fire is excellent although it cannot compare with the speed of smaller howitzers which use semifixed ammunition.

In addition to the howitzers the batteries are equipped with AA & AT defense weapons, and each soldier carries a carbine enabling the unit to establish good organized defense against air and ground attack.

With the heavy high-angle firing howitzers, direct laying is seldom accomplished. They require defiladed positions, concealment behind hills, in woods, etc. Gunners establish direction by using visible aiming points or aiming stakes. Because of lack of observation at howitzer positions, observations posts are established by the survey team and enemy installations are located. These locations are sent to the fire direction team in the form of chart coordinates. Through the use of firing charts the fire direction team can train all guns in the battalion on the target and begin firing two or three minutes

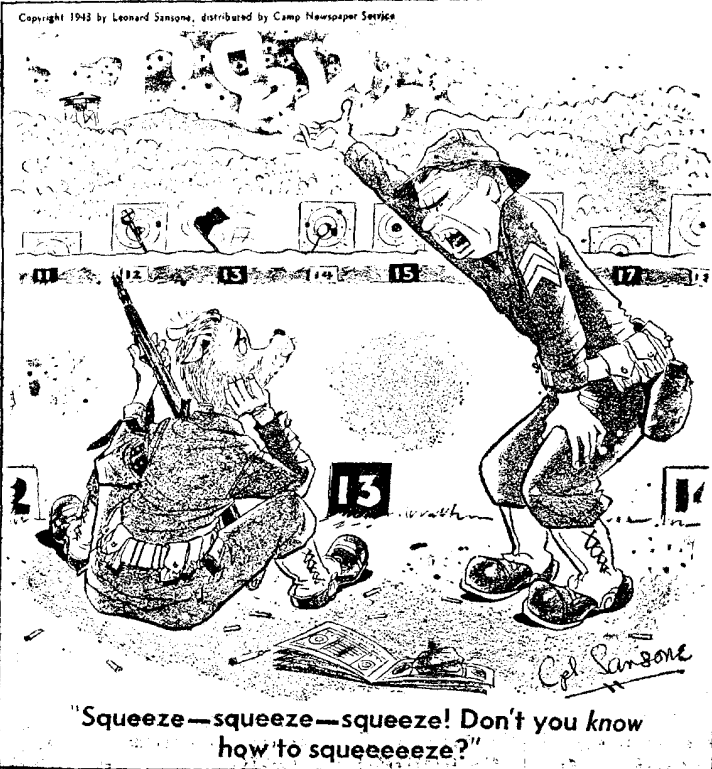
after enemy locations are received. This requires a high state of training in each unit and great stress is placed on teamwork in the training period.

Not Part of Combat Team

The medium artillery is not attached to an Infantry regiment as part of a combat team, although missions may be assigned to the mediums for the purpose of increasing the destructive fires of the combat team artillery. The 155mm howitzer has proved itself extremely effective on destruction of fortifications and for heavy concentrations, and therefore is usually held in reserve for these particular missions.

So, when the going gets tough and operations start to bog down, call on the 718th and they'll clear the path. Lt. Col. F. T. Unger, the Battalion Commander, has said, "It is the intention of the 718th to emphasize accuracy and precision in the delivery of fire, so that missions will be performed with an economy of ammunition and time; yet at the same time, to deliver upon the enemy the maximum amount of fire and destruction. This objective can be realized only through painstaking care in the training of personnel from the lowliest cannoner on up; and through constant and continuous delegation of authority through the chain of command."

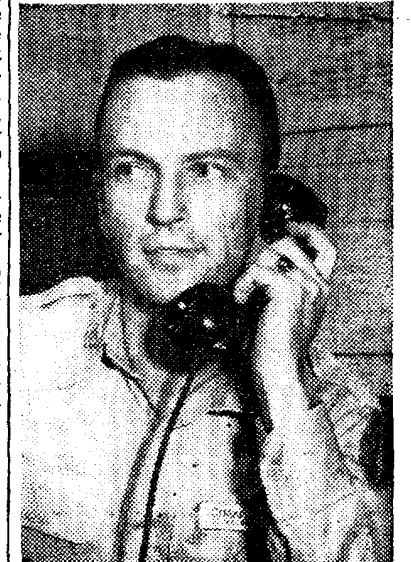
The Wolf by Sansone



Pet Skunk Likes Officers

Camp Edwards, Mass. (CNS)—The Stational Hospital unit here has a pet skunk as a mascot. He spends most of his time in the officers' barracks where he sleeps all day long and frolics around at night. Incidentally, he's deodorized.

ENG'R LEADER



The promotion of Major Jack L. Coan, Commander of the 263d Engineer Bn. to Lieutenant Colonel was announced recently. A graduate in Engineering of Auburn University, the Colonel has had much experience in constructing fields and bases for the Air Force in South America. He was commissioned in 1937.

3 LIFE SAVERS



REMEMBER THAT GOOD concealment of a vehicle may be spoiled by carelessly made tracks. If new tracks must be made, make them intelligently!



A VEHICLE SHOULD always be parked where camouflage may be used to prevent its shape, shadow, and tracks from revealing its location to the enemy.

Blood and Fire

Official Newspaper Of The
BLOOD AND FIRE (63D)
INFANTRY DIVISION
Camp Blanding, Florida

BLOOD AND FIRE is published weekly by and for men of the 63d Infantry Division with editorial offices at Public Relations Office, Bldg. 102, Phone 306.

BLOOD AND FIRE receives Camp Newspaper Service material.

Cpl. Peter T. Farley.....Editor
Sgt. John F. Bowen.....Reporter
S/Sgt. George F. McAndrew.....Staff Artist

EDITORIAL

Faith

Utter defeat of the Axis within two years was predicted the other day by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in a broadcast to the Chinese people on the eve of the sixth anniversary of Japan's attack on China.

"Of our final victory there admits not the slightest doubt," he said.

Picture the fighting heart and spirit of that great leader and that great nation—to stand almost unarmed against the vicious and powerful attacks of a ruthless foe. Picture the flaming courage that enabled China to carry on almost unaided against the barbaric Nipponese.

China sought no succor in peace—she knew there could be no peace with aggressor nations. She sought planes and guns and ammunition and looked forward with unending faith to the day the United Nations could swing their great might to her aid.

Chiang Kai-Shek's broadcast was an admission that the plea and prayers of all Chinese had been answered—their faith rewarded. Speaking to his people, he said:

"The forthcoming year will see the start of an Allied offensive that will deal 'crushing' blows to the enemy on many fronts, and there will be an unending stream of victories".

China lost Manchuria, Shanghai, her capital, and much of her land. England suffered a heavy blow at Dunkirk and horrible bombings of her cities. The United States lost a good part of her navy in the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Russia lost much of her land to the mechanized might of the Nazis.

Despite the crushing blows, the dark hours, the long fight ahead, all of these allied nations had faith and courage.

Today they are driving to victory.

Saluting

"Saluting," Ring Lardner once said, "is a wear and tear on the right arm." To many soldiers, judging by the type of salute they render, there is doubtless a good deal of truth in the statement.

The custom of saluting bears an old and honorable niche in the history of military traditions. Originally, when one knight met another, he would raise his visor, exposing his face to the possible thrust of the other's lance, thus indicating his trust in the good intentions of the other knight. Naturally, the junior of the two would render this courtesy first.

Today we still carry on this old tradition. We raise our hand to our face in a similar gesture to that made by the medieval knight. And the gesture still has the same meaning that it bore so long ago. It means, "I am your friend, your brother in arms."

At present the only men in the 63d Division are the officers and cadre. We feel that we are old soldiers, that much of what we teach to recruits does not apply to us. But we are wrong there.

When these fillers come in, they will tend to do exactly as we do, imitate our every gesture, adopt our attitudes as theirs.

Unless we ourselves become good soldiers, unless we ourselves become good soldiers, we cannot hope to teach these new men as we should.

There is an old saying in the Army that a soldier can be judged by his salute. If we are to be so judged, let us be sure that the result is what we would desire.



News From Here and There

Sun Bath (in Nude) Costs Sailor \$5 of \$1186 Roll

New York (CNS)—Edgar Kurz, a merchant seaman, was sunning himself on the Harlem River bank when a cop came along. The cop didn't mind Kurz taking a sun bath but he did object to his not wearing any clothes. So he hauled Kurz into court where the seaman was fined \$5. He reached into his pocket, pulled out an \$1186 roll, peeled off a fin, tossed it on the bench and went away whistling.

Ice Cream, No Rum, Given After King's Visit to Ship

Algiers (CNS) — When King George VI visited an American warship here recently the ship's captain was confronted with a problem. According to tradition a double rum ration is distributed to the crew after the King leaves a British ship. American warships carry no liquor but the captain upheld tradition by distributing double portions of ice cream among his Yankee crew.

Bulldog Guards Phone

Camp Gillespie, Cal. (CNS) — Tiger, a tough-looking english bulldog, guards the phone booth in the Guardhouse here. His ugly presence cuts down the number of unnecessary calls according to camp officials.

Planes Collide in Air, Fall, Derail Train

Westboro, Mass. (CNS) — Two Army planes collided in mid air here, then fell on the Boston and Albany railroad tracks, derailing a passenger train. One of the pilots was killed while the other parachuted to safety.

Natives Swap Wife for Pipe

Guadalcanal (CNS) — Glenn Battson, with the Cee Bees here, wrote home for some pipes. "They are among the best articles for trading with the natives," he wrote his wife. "They will gladly trade a wife for a pipe."

Tent Mortgaged for 50c

North Africa (CNS)—Pvt. Melvin Cain of St. Louis needed 50c and Pvt. John Rogers was willing to lend him the dough but wanted security. Cain had none so Rogers took out a mortgage on Cain's tent.

Rudy Vallee Promoted

Los Angeles (CNS)—CPO Rudy Vallee, Coast Guard band leader, has been commissioned a lieutenant.

5-Week Training Course Given USO Hostesses

Hill Field, Utah (CNS) — USO hostesses at nearby Ogden must undergo a five-week basic training program to learn to handle jiving GIs from this field. The course is given under the direction of the USO junior hostess council.

G.I.'s Tune Wins Prexy's OK

Ft. Strong, Mass. (CNS)—Pvt. Lewis DeFonso of this Post has been commended by President Roosevelt for his song "I'll Be Sailing With My Brother." The tune was written by DeFonso for Irving Berlin's show, "This Is the Army."

Army Builds 'Triple' Cable

Washington (CNS)—Vocal, telegraphic and radio messages will be carried simultaneously on a new 2,000-mile overland cable which the Signal Corps is building to link Alaska and the United States.

Washing Machine Wanted

Bradley Field, Conn. (CNS) — Have you an idle washing machine in your home. If so, the WAACS at Bradley Field can use it. The girls have been breaking their backs every night washing their stockings and undies.

Momma, 35, Has 3 Sailor Sons

Burlington, Vt. (CNS) — Mrs. Henry Francis is only 35 but she's the mother of three U. S. sailors. They are Henry, 20, Leonard, 19, and Herbert, 18. She was married at 15.

Woman Motorman Takes Wrong Switch

Baltimore (CNS) — A woman trolley motorman got confused and took the wrong switch at an intersection. She discovered her mistake several blocks later. "What'll I do" she wailed. Then she said to the gal conductress, "You go into a drug store and call up the company." While the conductress was gone a passenger (male) suggested she back up until she came to the intersection and then make a fresh start. She followed his suggestion. A few minutes later she remembered leaving her conductress in the drug store.

Horse Trouble

Billings, Mont. (CNS) — Oscar Ejorghum was driving his wagon down a local street when his horse tried to jump through a high fork in a tree and got stuck. It took the Fire Department three hours to get Dobbin down.

The Sky Pilot Says it.

ABOVE ALL THE CATHEDRAL

By L. J. HOUGHTALING
Chaplain 254th Inf.

"Above All The Cathedral" . . . A landmark of every Army camp is the spire of the chapel. A silent witness to all that goes on about it, it points in the right direction. It is a reminder of the eternal paradox that the foundations which undergird and support a man's life are to be found above and not below. The chapel spire is a reminder that there are such things as Faith and Hope, and Peace and Love in this war-torn world in which we find ourselves.

Amid the hustle and bustle, the toil and sweat of Army life the Army chapel represents the Still Small Voice which is heard above all the uproar and tumult of more earthly things. Where that voice is heard there is calm composure and quiet confidence. The consuming fears and bitter hatreds which hold so much of the world in their grasp lose their power in its presence. Nothing is so much needed today in this unstable world as the power to listen to the Still Small Voice.

The world-wide holocaust which has caused us to come from familiar scenes to an Army camp is the inevitable result of material forces and material philosophies having full sway over the minds and spirits of men everywhere. When we awoke to the dangers which threaten us we challenged these forces in the name of all that is decent in our civilization; and, what is more important, in the name of the Almighty. We declare our faith in the ultimate triumph of Right, because that "Right" is inspired by and has the support of Divine Providence. On this ground we take our stand and rest our cause.

That is why the Army chapel is so important. The background of our war is a conflict of ideas and ideals. The emphasis on spiritual values is just as much a part of the soldier's training as physical conditioning or the handling of weapons.

Our aim in this war is not simply the destruction of the enemy. Our ultimate goal is the building of a better world in which we and our loved ones can live with some degree of security; enjoying those blessings for which past generations sacrificed, and making our own contribution to the security of our nation in our time . . . How can we do this with confidence unless we seek the blessing of God upon our efforts?

Last Fall, when our American Army invaded North Africa, the event was heralded throughout Britain by the ringing of church bells which had been silenced since Dunkirk. In the ruins of Coventry there stood a tower of broken masonry, all that was left of the cathedral. In this tower were the old cathedral bells. Around this tower gathered what was left of the congregation. There was none who had not suffered the loss of home and friends. Many a worshipper that day was the sole survivor of what had been a family circle. Three long years of war had left them destitute. But when those bells pealed forth the familiar notes of an old hymn, with abounding courage and unquenchable faith, they sang:

"O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come;
Our Shelter from the stormy blast
And our Eternal Home."

Some may ask what they had to be thankful for. Let those who would ask the question learn to answer it! That is the Faith of Britain! That is Our Faith!

There will be many things in Army life to distract your attention and to claim your loyalty, some good, some bad; but you will not go far wrong if you take as your personal motto: ABOVE ALL THE CATHEDRAL!

G.I. JINGLES

FRIENDS

By Staff Sergeant Peter Boyle

It is my joy in life to find—
At every turn in the road,
The strong arms of a comrade kind—
To help me onward with my load,
But since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends;
I only pray that while I live,
God makes me worthy of my friends.

The Author

Staff Sergeant Boyle, a veteran and gas victim of World War I, wrote "Friends" as a tribute to those closest to him, one of whom is Corporal William J. Keanne, "C" Battery, 863rd Field Artillery Battalion.

We can take a lesson from Sergeant Boyle, partly because he enjoyed the finer things in life and also because he was a "Can Do" Non-Com. At one time he carried on and collapsed during a tough road march rather than fall out. Because of his physical condition Sergeant Boyle was given a "Medical Discharge" several months ago when still at Camp Breckenridge.

Cast Off! Says WAVE As Yardbird Attempts Encircling Movement

"Avast! Ye lubbers," the Yardbird shouted. "Anchors aweigh! Man the lifeboats! Full speed ahead! Starboard yer helm! Ahoy!" "What gives, Yardbird?" asked S/Sgt. George F. McAndrew lifting his head from his drawing board. "Been out with that WAVE again?"

The Yardbird was too busy to answer, being in the last stanza of Barnacle Bill the Sailor — the part where a falsetto is required.

"Women," said the Yardbird solemnly after finishing the song, "is wonderful. Particularly WAVES. Ohhhhh, I'll come down and let yer in, I'll come down and let yer in, I'll come down and let yer in, cried the fairrrr young maiden . . ."

"Avast, Snafu," said Sgt. McAndrew. "How can I work with you beating your gums like that?" He turned back to his drawing board. "How do you get along with that WAVE?" he asked.

"Peas in a Pard" "Like two peas in a pard," said Snafu. "I been teachin' her to talk G.I., and she's been teachin' me to talk like a sailor. It's wonderful," he sighed.

"Frinstance," the Yardbird continued, "I'd say to her, 'Well, I see where the dogfaces been complainin' to the belly-robber that they ain't gettin' no armored cow.'"

"What'd she say to that?" the Sergeant asked.

Snafu went falsetto again. "Oh, she said, what's that mean, Mate? An' I tole her that it means that the G.I.'s been complainin' to the Mess Sergeant that they ain't been gettin' no canned milk."

McAndrew yawned. "How interesting," he said.

"They Threwed the Book" "Ain't it now?" acknowledged Snafu. "Then I'd say to her Well, they certny threwed the book at

them dog robbers fer takin' too much bunk fatigue. Really, sez she. Yes, sez I, that means that the orderlies what have been workin' for the oficers have been punished very heavy indeed."

"Tell me more," said Sgt. McAndrew.

"Well," said Snafu, "I kep' on feedin' her them sentences, teachin' her the language an' all this an' that. An' of course, not being one to leave go any opportunity, I wuz also woikin' me pernts. Y'Sec?"

Sgt. McAndrew saw. "So I sez to her," the Yardbird continued, "well, I see where a zebra has went over the hill. And that means, I explained, that a sergeant has took off."

"Clever," McAndrew admitted.

"Of course, as I say," Snafu said, "I wuz woikin' me pernts alla the time."

"I can imagine," the Sergeant said.

"Time to Talk Toikey"

"So finally I got around to the pernt where I figgered it was time fer me to talk toikey. Anyway, I wuz runnin' outa G.I. chatter. So I decided to talk toikey. Y'get me?" he asked.

"Gotcha," said McAndrew.

"So I makes a detoimined play fer this WAVE, I puts me arm around her an' I tries to squeeze just a little, an' wotta ya think she sez?"

"Til bite," Sgt. McAndrew said, "What?"

"Avast! sez she, Avast before I toin you in to your top kick for company punishment. And while you're manicuring the lawns and policing up the latrine—don't come to me for sympathy, dogface, see the chaplain."

"The Yardbird shook his head. "She wuz, as I say, a very good pupil. Shiver me timbers if she wuzn't."

Young Major



Believed to be the youngest Major in the Division and one of the youngest in the service is Major John P. Reames, 23-year-old Division Headquarters Company Commandant. Graduating from O. C. S. in December, 1941, Major Reames has seen previous service as an officer at Camp Wheeler, Ga., Ft. McClellan, Ala. and Breckinridge, Ky. A native of Missouri, he and his wife now make their home in Gainesville.

254th Pill-Rollers Deliver Sextuplets

Trained to meet every contingency, medics of the 254th Inf. are considering adding an obstetrical course to their training.

Roused by anguished yaps a half hour before reveille the other morning, the medics stretched their arms and rubbed the sand from their eyes.

Aware of what was probably up, they wasted not a moment in dressing but raced out to their beloved mascot "Miss Nellie," and bundled her into the Dispensary.

About eight o'clock, rewarded for their patience and care, "Miss Nellie" presented them with six bouncing pups. Mother and children are in excellent condition, but the medics are a bit on the nervous side. No pill rollers were lost.

ARTILLERY BATTERY OPENS NEW DAYROOM

Adding the finishing touches only recently, Battery C of the 863d Field Artillery Battalion this week announced the formal completion of the first dayroom in the Battalion.

With contributions of furniture and pictures made by the Adolph B. Weil Auxiliary of E'nai B'rith, members of the Battery, working under the supervision of Executive Officer Lt. Sachs, completely redecorated and arranged the building's interior.

TOUGH 254TH INFANTRY SERGEANT FORMER BALLET DANCER AT "MET"

SGT. AND ROSA PONSELLE TURNED "CARMEN" LOVE SCENE INTO TAVERN BRAWL AT OPERA TO DELIGHT OF HIGHBROW THEATERGOERS

Paging Robert Ripley!

We've found an actor who claims never to have been hit with rotten eggs, tomatoes or similar missiles but then Staff Sergeant Lew F. Christensen, Communications Chief of Hq Co. 3d Bn., 254th Infantry added "The only reason they didn't throw them was probably because they'd forgotten to bring any along."

First Dancer at "Met"

Sgt. Christensen is so reticent about his personal affairs and achievements that it was almost six months after he'd been in the company before anyone knew that he was a ballet dancer, let alone that he'd been First Dancer at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Born in Brigham City, Utah—which sounds so authentically Mormon that you'd expect him to have some Mormon blood in his veins—his ancestry is free of multiple marriages but flush with dancing talent.

In 1927 he started in vaudeville and in 1934 turning to the theatre, danced in the Broadway success, "The Great Waltz." In 1936 he was chosen as first dancer at the Metropolitan Opera House and while there he organized the Ballet Caravan which later became the American Ballet. With the American Ballet he later toured the United States, Cuba and South America.

Prior to his induction last Fall he was scheduled to join the Colon Theater in Buenos Aires as First Dancer but, subject to call by the Army, he wasn't permitted to leave the country.

Both of Sgt. Christensen's brothers are at present with the San Francisco Opera. His wife, Giselle Caccialanza, also a ballet dancer, was trained in Milan and was formerly with the "Met."

Studied Under Fokaine

He received his early training from his parents and later studied under Fokaine, Vladimiroff and Novikoff. He's been in several

moving pictures including "Adventuress" and played with Zorina in "On Your Toes."

"There's no need for me to say that living without odd or funny incidents would be very dull," Sgt. Christensen said "And I guess I've had my full share of them. Crazy things occur on the stage and the Metropolitan Opera House is no exception."

"I was scheduled to dance in the tavern scene of 'Carmen' with Rosa Ponselle and characteristic of the management of the Metropolitan we'd had no practice together."

La Ponselle Heaves

"The dancing scene went off perfectly but no one had told me that still another scene followed so I started off the stage. Before I'd gotten very far though La Ponselle pulled me back onto the stage with a magnificent heave."

"They say that singers are no longer the buxom nightingales they used to be, true, but some of them now have plenty of brawn to make up for the weight they lack."

"I tried to skip off again, and again the same thing happened. This time Rosa took a stein of pineapple juice and floated around the stage in a lovesick and forlorn manner."

"I didn't know what was in the air but obviously something was supposed to be happening. Remembering her display of strength and hearty attempts at pulling me around, I tried the same tactics on her and gave her a few flings. By this time the audience was in an uproar."

"As I later learned what was supposed to have been a love scene in pantomime, turned into a full-fledged brawl—and not one sided either for Miss Ponselle kept up her end too."

"No one seemed to mind particularly though, which goes to prove that it apparently doesn't do operas any harm to have a little new blood fused in their veins occasionally."

Combat Team Blue To Sponsor Dance

The first of a series of dances to be sponsored by the various combat teams of the Division will be held Saturday night in Officers' Club No. 1 under the sponsorship of Combat Team Blue.

Music will be furnished by the Division dance band of 15 pieces under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Cruger. Highlighting the affair will be the presentation of a floor show during the course of the evening.

New Type Bandage

NEW YORK—Danger of white bandages being observed by the enemy, is a thing of the past, according to Brig. Gen. David W. Grant, the Air Surgeon, who disclosed that new bandages for desert warfare will be olive drab.

The olive drab will serve as camouflage and save our men as is the case with other forms of camouflage. It was not easy to make the olive drab bandages for they had to be placed on open wounds. However, American science produced a dye that caused no infection or other discomfort.

The new equipment revealed by General Grant is a new first-

CREATOR FINDS "DIRTY GERTIE" MADE BIG HIT

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Lt. William L. Russell, of Pelham, New York, is credited (?) with being the creator of "Dirty Gertie From Bizerte," a take-off on World War I's "Mademoiselle From Armentiers."

Lt. Russell, while an enlisted man, conceived "Dirty Gertie" with the thought in mind that the men in North Africa needed an "entertaining" song as their fathers before them had kept up spirits with "Mademoiselle From Armentiers."

"Gertie's" fame spread and with her arrival in Africa was discovered by Sgt. Paul Reif, author of the "Isle of Capri," popular nearly a decade ago. Reif set "Gertie" to music and had another song hit—this time not for publication, however.

Russells's first intimation that his brain-child had won acclaim was a press release from the African theater telling about "Gertie."

aid kit, shaped like a frying pan. The kits contain medicine, sulphate tablets, drugs—even fish bait and hooks. You can now catch your fish and have something to cook it in.

Male Call Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Moral: Have Right Eye Open When You Squeeze



Sport Slants

Jack Coffee, Fordham University's graduate manager of athletics, is calisthenics boss of the Beukema soldier students at Fordham.

The Dodgers' Pete Reiser, the Cardinals' Johnny Beazley, Washington's Cecil Travis and other former big league stars now gone GI will probably take part in the national semi-pro baseball tournament to be played in Wichita, Kan. in August. Reiser is now playing for Ft. Riley, Kan., Beazley is pitching for the Smyrna (Tenn.) Air Base and Travis is manager and shortstop of the Camp Wheeler (Ga.) nine.

Up and down Jacobs Beach in New York they are talking about the possibilities of a summer match between Hammering Henry Armstrong and Cpl. Ray Robinson, "unacrowned lightweight king of the world." Robinson is stationed at Mitchel Field, N. Y.

Latest big leaguers to be reclassified IA in the draft are Jimmy Wasdell, versatile infielder-outfielder of the Phillies, and Dick Wakefield, star freshman outfielder for Detroit.

Lt. John Miller, formerly coach of the great Merceburg prep school swimming teams, now is swimming instructor at the Navy Pre-flight school at the University of North Carolina.

The Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill, N. C., has one of the strongest baseball teams in the service. The Pre-Flights, who've won 15 of their last 17 games, have ex-Yank Buddy Hassett at first; ex-Brave Bud Gemp at second; ex-Red Sox Johnny Pesky at short and ex-Brave Ed Moriarty at third. The outfield, from left to right, reads Ted Williams of the Red Sox; Harry Craft of the Reds, and Dusty Cooke of the Red Sox. Alex Sabo of the Senators is behind the plate and John Sain, Braves; Joe Coleman, Athletics and Bob Williams, Braves are on the mound.

Capt. Hank Greenberg of the Army Air Forces returned to the scenes of his early triumphs recently when he belted a few balls out of Briggs stadium during a brief visit to Detroit. The old Tiger home run slugger looked as good as new to Steve O'Neill, Detroit manager, who told reporters that "we sure could use Hank out there today."

Officers Seek Games

Victors over the 861st Field Artillery their last time out, the 253d Infantry Regiment softball team, composed of officers of that organization, would like to arrange games with any teams on the post. Clubs interested in meeting the Firecrackers, as they are known, should contact Lt. James Spratt by phoning 383.



BALL GAMES SWELL NATIONAL WAR FUND

A total of 134,578 fans contributed \$147,391.48 to the National War Fund, Inc. in war relief games staged by major league clubs recently.

Washington at Cleveland drew 29,495 spectators in an arc-light encounter to show the way in the American League, while in the National League Cincinnati and Brooklyn performed before a turnout of 26,893 who contributed \$32,134.15.

The figures:

National League		
	Attendance	Receipts
Cincinnati at Brooklyn	26,893	\$32,134.15
St. Louis at New York	15,634	17,000.00x
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia	10,655	11,000.00x
Chicago at Boston	9,123	9,532.83
Totals	62,365	\$69,666.98
American League		
Washington at Chicago (2)	29,495	\$32,624.50
New York at Cleveland (2)	22,914	25,000.00x
Boston at Detroit	13,789	14,000.00x
Philadelphia at St. Louis (2)	6,015	6,100.00x
Totals	72,213	\$77,724.50

x—Estimated. (2)—Night games.
Another War Relief Day will be staged July 28 with the clubs which were away from home appearing in their own parks.

RED SOX PURCHASE COAST LEAGUE STARS

San Francisco, July 9—Youthful George Metkovich, star outfielder of the San Francisco Seals, has been purchased by the Boston Red Sox, officials of the Pacific Coast League club disclosed this week.

Although the purchase price was not revealed, it was said to be "substantial." The Sox also tossed in Dec Miles, former Philadelphia outfielder, who has seen little service with the Hub nine.

SENATORS RELEASE FORMER YANKEE ACE

WASHINGTON, July 9—Vernon "Lefty" Gomez, the Yankee southpaw ace of yesteryear, is unemployed once again.

Sold to the Boston Braves by the Yanks last January, Gomez was cut adrift in May but immediately caught on with the Washington Senators.

This week the Nats added another chapter to the slender pitcher's career, handing him his outright release after he had started but one game.

An American League standout during his long career with New York, Gomez holds the unique distinction of pitching six world series wins without a defeat.

563d Signal Company Set For "Robot Horsemen"

Preparing to answer the recent challenge issued by the 63d Reconnaissance Troop, the 563d Signal Company softballers held their first practice session of the season Monday afternoon under the direction of Lt. Rex Dunfee.

Continuing a feud that had its inception in Camp Claiborne, La., the Signalmen claim they will make the "Robot Horsemen" a sorry bunch of diamonders.

Lt. Dunfee is expected to use a battery composed of M/Sgt. Lovely on the hill, with Sgt. Karamalis behind the plate, while the Reconnaissance outfit has not yet announced its opening battery choices.

The date of the tilt is expected to be decided upon shortly.

Officers E. M. Dances Carded For Weekend

Another pair of weekend dances—one for the officers, the other for the enlisted men—have been arranged by the Division Special Service Office.

The enlisted men's dance, scheduled for tonight, will be held by the Starke U. S. O. Transportation will be furnished and the convoy will leave the division area at 1930, returning to camp about 2330. Girls attending the dance will be from Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lake Butler and Starke. Music will be furnished by the 63d Division orchestra.

The officers dance is scheduled tomorrow night and will be held in Officers Club No. 1.

New York Relief Star Batting Practice Hurler

NEW YORK, July 9—Ace Adams, member of the New York Giants mound corps and one of the National League's outstanding relief hurlers, has been named batting practice pitcher for the Senior circuit in Tuesday's All-Star game at Philadelphia, President Ford Frick announced this week.

Succeeding Si Johnson of the Philadelphia Phils, who declined the bid on the grounds that the offer was a slur to his pitching record of this year (he has a better mark than six of the seven hurlers selected for the team), Adams is one of the workhorses of baseball and a season ago set a record for mound appearances.

Pennsylvania Representative Sees Gloomy Grid Season Unless Army Changes Plans

LET SPECIALISTS PLAY FOOTBALL, PA. FAN URGES

Washington, July 9—Collegiate football's future fate today rested squarely upon the shoulders of Uncle Sam's Army.

Gloomily predicting a dim 1943 college grid season shoulder Army officials refuse to reconsider an earlier decision, Representative Weiss (D. Pa.) this week stated that the Army alone could save collegiate football by permitting its trainees in schools to participate in intercollegiate games.

"I can't understand how West Point and Annapolis and Navy Pre-Flight and Navy trainees can play, yet Army trainees can't, as yet," Weiss declared.

Army officials answered this by saying that what happens at West Point is up to the superintendent. "He is in charge of the Military Academy and the sports program is his to determine," they said.

The Army schedule calls for the college trainee to adhere to a week's card that includes five hours of military training, six of physical conditioning, a minimum of 24

hours of class and a minimum of 24 hours of supervised study. This leaves little time for football and no time to take the trips necessary to play games.

Weiss, chairman of an informal committee that has been urging the War Department to allow its college trainees to play college ball, stated that he had "discussed the time factor with numerous Army officers and they say the boys could devote an hour or two a day to football without interfering with their class work."

Because of the full schedule college students are now going through the Army holds otherwise, however, and while permitting intramural sports, the department stands pat on an answer given in reply to a question in a student training booklet issued April 1 with foreword by General Marshal.

Question 46 was: "Will trainees be permitted to engage in collegiate sports?"

Answer: "No. This is a war. These soldiers are being trained for specific army duties at Army expense. Successful completion of these courses requires great concentration and effort on the part of the soldier-trainee. The time required for instruction and training and supervised study does not allow sufficient leeway for participation in varsity sports."

253d Infantry Ten Upsets Artillerymen

Icing the tilt with a three-run uprising in the fourth, the 253d Infantry Regiment Officers scored an 8-6 victory over the 861st Field Artillery in an exhibition softball game played here Friday.

Stepping away to an early lead, the Infantrymen pushed over a trio of tallies in the first frame and added a pair in the second. The Wagon Soldiers scored twice in the third inning, once in the fourth and three times in the fifth.

Brownies' Backstop Rejected By Army

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 9—The first division hopes of the St. Louis Browns received a shot in the arm this week when it was disclosed that Frankie Hayes, the team's ace receiver, had been rejected by the Army and would rejoin the club immediately. Thus Hayes, a former member of the Philadelphia Athletics, joins two other Brownie draft rejects—First Baseman George McQuinn and Shortstop Vernon Stephens—who were turned down for military service last week.

A-1 THIRD SACKER DOESN'T LIKE I-A

Philadelphia, Pa. — Babe Dahlgren, the Phillies' star third sacker, received notice from his draft board that he has been reclassified I-A.

Dahlgren has been trying to get his induction delayed, but so far, all he has been able to accomplish is an agreement by his local board to allow him to appeal his case in Philadelphia, instead of going to San Francisco.

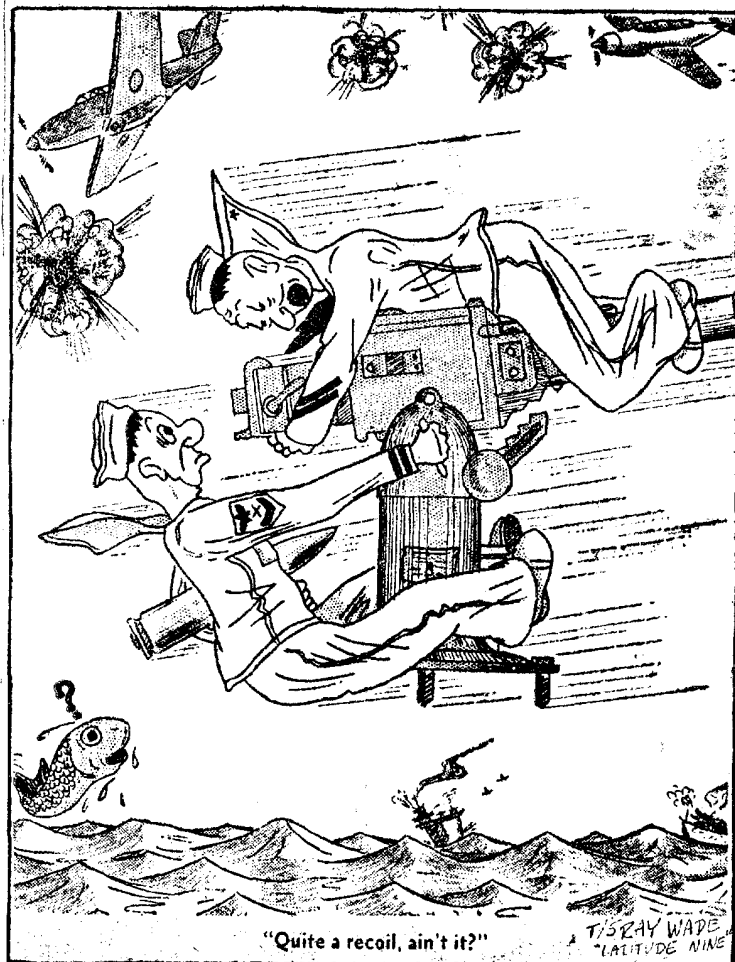
At present, Dahlgren is leading both the major leagues in hitting.

Honorable Jap Announce Honorable Treatment

Information received by the War Department through the International Red Cross indicates that more than 600 American soldiers in Japanese prison camps have died of disease since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. Altogether there are 13,724 soldiers in the hands of the Japs.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Gen. Hibbs Inspects Photographic Unit



Lt. Howard Strock of Unit No. 8, 163d Signal Photo Co., now attached to the 563d Signal Co., shows Maj. General Louis E. Hibbs how the Army's Speed Graphic camera works. Standing at attention next to Lt. Strock is Pvt. Louis Kreitzman. The photographic Unit, attached to the Division only about two weeks ago, will be used to make a pictorial history, including moving pictures, of the 63d for War Department files. All pictures in this week's edition of BLOOD AND FIRE were taken by them.

Chem. Warfare Men Instruct Entire Division In Use Of Gas, Incendiaries, Chemicals

Whatever its function in combat, the mission of the Chemical Warfare Service in training is purely instructional. The Service must teach the soldier not only how to use his gas weapons efficiently, but how to protect himself from enemy gases.

Throughout the Division posters warning of the effects of poor gas discipline, of carelessness, and of ignorance are prominently displayed.

"Placing our posters beside commonly visited spots such as coke machines or water coolers," said Major Glenn Y. Williamson, Divisional Chemical Officer, "puts them within vision and serves the purpose of informing the individuals concerned. Other excellent spots are in the latrines or on panels between windows."

"Some people feel unconcerned about gas and although it has gained no name for itself in this war, the possibility of it's being used should not be minimized."

The Chemical Warfare Department, of the Division consists of the Division Chemical Officer, Major Williamson and his assistant, Lt. Albert J. Birch, plus a small staff of non-coms.

This group forms a nucleus that runs the division chemical school, prepares and distributes necessary training material, and as Major Williamson affirms, "They are ready night and day to give aid and training in chemical warfare."

In their files are complete lists of films, filmstrips, film bulletins, training charts and training aids for use of schools within the division.

With the realization of the importance of the visual, practical, and realistic points in training they give actual demonstrations wherever possible.

For use in a coming demolition demonstration they are preparing

dummy weapons—among them a small cannon. In the demonstration they will drop a thermite grenade down the barrel permitting the onlooker to see how easily the grenade will destroy the bore and breech making the weapon completely ineffective. Among others there will also be a demonstration of how easily thermite grenades will pierce layers of sand, brick, sheet iron and wood.

Recently the department gave technical advice for the laying of smoke screens in a battlefield demonstration put on by the 263d Engineer Battalion.

During their chemical warfare courses, they will develop field demonstrations showing the capabilities of chemical warfare weapons and use of smoke, incendiaries, flame throwers, "molotov cocktails" and chemical land mines.

The Division Chemical Officer must know every phase of his work from A to Z. He is responsible for all Chemical Warfare supplies and, during training, reports on the progress of the outfit. He must also see that no one from the lowliest KP to the Division Commander slights the danger from gas.

In the field of battle what may look like the early morning mist rising from a lake or valley may be deadly gas, but long before it has a chance to reach you or your unprepared buddies, the Chemical Intelligence will have given the alarm, know what chemical is being used, what areas it will and will not effect and if possible have placed their hands on the discarded equipment used by the enemy in their attack. Knowledge of such equipment may be of great advantage at a later date.

These men of the Chemical Intelligence, the gas NCO's and the

gas officers of your unit are trained to detect the use of gas, locate gassed areas and stake them off, give warnings, and know when the weather is favorable for the enemy to use chemicals; or on the other hand, the moment when we can use chemical agents to the best advantage. This information in turn is passed back to the Divisional Chemical Officer for evaluation and dissemination. The Chemical Warfare Depart-

Reich Crispies

German prisoners of war at Camp Blanding must be losing their Nazi ideas. Schickelgruber would swallow his mustache if he knew they have stated a preference for American "cola" drinks to beer—and that corn-flakes have become their favorite breakfast food. One of the PW's dreams of opening a corn-flake factory in Germany after the war. He says they're unknown in the section of the Reich where he was born.

Mikhailovitch Escapes From Nazi Patrol

London (CNS)— Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch, Yugoslavian guerilla army leader for whose capture the Nazis have offered half a million bucks, escaped a German patrol at a wayside Montenegro inn recently. The "super-soldiers" failed to recognize the guerilla leader who was garbed as a peasant.

There was a Nazi corporal named Twitch. Who, to be a sergeant, did itch. He let his chance pass. Now he's private first class. Cause he and his squad missed Mikhailovitch.

T/4 Peter B. Woolley.

Sailor Seeks 'Ankle Watch'

Oakland, Cal. (CNS) — With Sailor Vic Hanson it's strictly business when he glances at the ankles of girls he passes in the street. Sailor Bill playfully fastened his wrist watch on his girl's ankle, then forgot to remove it. Later he forgot her name, what she looked like, too.

ment has just completed one school for the gas NCO's and officers of the cadre and they anticipate opening another short supplementary course.

WAAC BECOMES WAC; GETS ARMY RIGHTS

The transfer of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps to the regular Army was at last accomplished when President Roosevelt signed a bill putting the transfer into effect.

Under the bill members of the Corps must re-enlist within 60 days in the new unit which henceforth will be known as the Women's Army Corps, or WAC.

By making WAC's members of the Army, women soldiers will now share with other members of the armed services the right to free mailing privileges, dependency allotments, government insurance, and free hospitalization.

In addition, members of the Corps will now bear official Army titles. Thus, Third Officers will now be 2d Lieutenants, First Officers, Captains, and so on.

News of the bill was received joyously at Camp Blanding where members of Detachment No. 1, Station Complement, had long smarted under the status of being of the Army but not in it. Commander of the Blanding Detachment is 1st Lt. Elizabeth Branch.

Hospital Men, Band Win Softball Tilts

Station Hospital upset 763d Ordnance, Division Band walloped Division Headquarters Company, 263d Engineers "A" team downed the "B" outfit and 63d Quartermasters "A" ten edged their rival "B" unit in softball games played recently.

The Hospitalmen took Ordnance into camp by a 9-7 count, the Musicians spanked Headquarters 14-6 and the "A" Quartermasters nosed out a 4-2 win over the "B's."

"Let me at 'em!" Says Tough 263d Cook

Engineer Cook Willing To Cook Jap's Goose

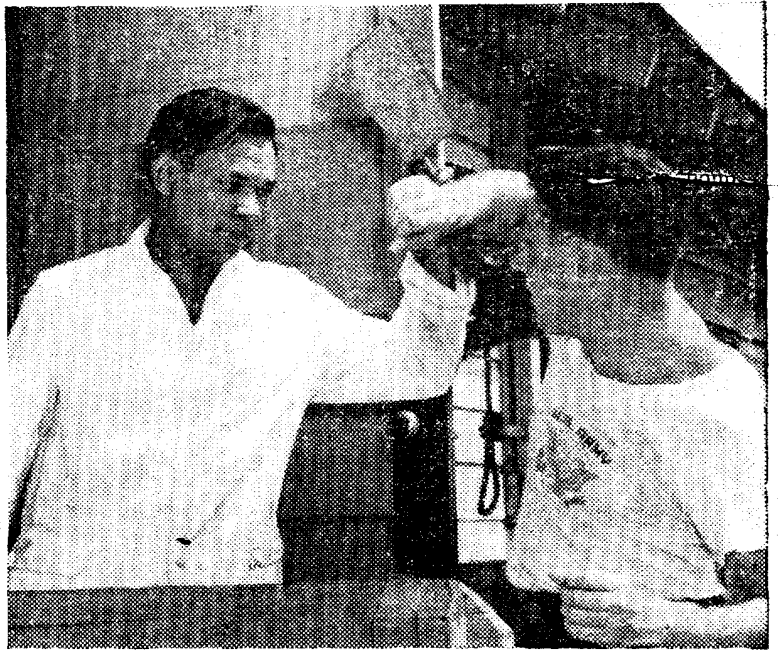
His bitterness over the occupation of his mother country, the Netherlands East Indies by the Japanese is well concealed, but talking to T/4 John M. Olans of Company "B", 263d Engineer Bn., you know that it is far from non-existent.

"I want to do my part in this war and would very much like to be in the field, but as they put me in the kitchen and my legs are none too good, I guess this is where I'll stay."

"Besides if we get over there with the Japs and there's any chance to fight them I'll do it. If I don't have a rifle and they come into my kitchen, I have some very effective weapons here."

Sgt. Olans was born in the famous Toba Lake section of the Islands, and though he doesn't deny that there's much there that he can never duplicate in this country, his fondest hope is to become a citizen of the United States. Recently when others in his outfit were made citizens, he was informed that his application was being held for further consideration. Although he felt very bad about it, he says that he hasn't given up hopes.

A resident of New York City, he was inducted into the Army last November. He speaks Malay and Dutch although he says that both are a little rusty from lack of use. It is evident from



Sgt. Olans shows S. Sgt. Ernest Knight what he'd do if he got within striking distance of any Jap. Sgt. Olans was born and reared in the Dutch East Indies, now taken over by the Japs, and his parents and family are still there.

the fact that he speaks English very fluently and with only the slightest trace of an accent, although he has been in the country only fifteen years, that he likes the United States.

As for hobbies, there's nothing

he likes better than a game of soccer or football—and there was a time when he could strum a mean Hawaiian guitar. That's so long ago though, that now he's not too certain that he'd even be able to hold one right.

Male Call

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

Fever Communicated By Contact



COPYRIGHT 1943 BY MILTON CANIFF

63d MP's Have Diverse Duties

By Sgt. Alan J. Butler

The combat M.P.'s of today are a vastly different outfit than the old, out-moded 1918 model. Their duties and functions are varied and they are among the first to enter a town or locality and the last to leave. The patrol of towns is merely an incidental duty. They handle all traffic, pedestrian, vehicular, civilian and supply, to and from the front lines. They work with the Engineers in plotting routes and alternate routes of march; follow their suggestions as to road conditions, road markers. Besides these duties they will act as Infantry replacements if an outfit needs them. All this, mind you, is done by a platoon of 70 men.

We want you to meet these M.P.'s and know them. Consider them as your buddies and fellow fighting men. They want you to know that they are first and above all good soldiers and that they will be in the front lines fighting side by side with you. Remember that a Battalion of M.P.'s was practically wiped out at Casablanca.

Slogan Is "Service"

Do not fear them. They want to be of service to you; they want to help you. If they correct you at any time, it is because they want to make sure that you do nothing that will reflect upon you as a representative of a high class fighting outfit and they want the whole world to know that. Ask them anything. Their slogan is "service."

Now, meet your buddies! Capt. Paul H. Smith, Provost Marshal of the 63d Division, admired and respected by his men. Loved Mandy

The Captain was a mounted policeman in New York City for

seventeen years and saw service from Harlem to Coney Island. Ideally fitted for his present post, behind his rugged exterior their beats a heart of gold. The "Moundy" has a bid in with the New York City Police Department to buy the horse "Mandate" that carried him around his post. "When Mandy is retired," the Provost Marshal says, "I'm going to turn her loose on a farm so she'll never have to work again."

Lt. Philip J. Fowler—saw service with the M.P.'s in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor. His story appeared in a previous issue of BLOOD AND FIRE.

Lt. John T. Burke—Golden Gloves middleweight Champion of Texas and light heavyweight champion of Texas A and M. Six feet, two inches in stocking feet, he also saw service in Hawaii.

Golden Gloves Champ

S/Sgt. William O. Nelson—another former Golden Gloves titlist, fighting in the welterweight class. Now acting first sergeant of the platoon, he has seen three years of service. Served with the 38th Division, the West Virginia National Guard, the 82nd All American Division, and the 90th M.P.'s.

Has had several interesting experiences, and once fished a soldier out of a culvert—a soldier who insisted that he was alright even while 14 stitches were being taken in his side.

While on duty in Evansville, Ind., Sgt. Nelson had occasion to go to the police station in that city and while going through the cell block noticed a girl dangling from a rope. He cut her down and after that she allowed no one to go near her except the Sergeant. He finally cajoled her into having the matron take care of her.

Member Transit Police

Sgt. Alan J. Butler—former member of the New York City Transit Police. Was appointed a sergeant in the force while in the Army. Received his B.A. at Long Island University, studied for his

Master's at N.Y.U. and received his law degree at St. John's University. Claims to have gotten more of a kick arresting pickpockets than accumulating college degrees.

Sgt. Arthur W. Lindquist—spent ten years with the New York National Guard. Served as a 2d Lieutenant with them in the 106th Infantry, 186th Field Artillery and the 101st Military Police Battalion which is now overseas. He was also a member of the 98th M.P.'s in the insurance business in civilian life, he also was a lieutenant in the New York City Auxiliary Patrol Corps.

Sgt. Jack Lewis—received his law degree at Brooklyn Law School. Worked as an investigator for Willmark Investigators in civilian life and also attended the F.B.I. School in Washington.

More Policemen

Sgt. R. Hamilton Otis—was a policeman in Fulton, N. Y. Served one and a half years in the Army and has been with the 28th Division, Ft. Niagara Military Police and the 98th M.P.'s.

Sgt. Frank Calligan—the motor sergeant of the M.P.'s and has been a mechanic all his life.

Sgt. Edward Otten—the youngest member of the 63d M.P.'s, he has been in the Army for two years. Was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and served with the 213th Coast Artillery in Casablanca. Has ambition to join his brother in the Air Corps in New Guinea. Was a policeman at the Pictwinny Arsenal during civilian life.

Sgt. Warren W. Townsend—an investigator in civilian life, he takes care of the records and the Provost Marshal's office. Diplomatically informs people as to why they must appear before said Provost Marshal.

P.F.C. Matthews—the baby of the 63d M.P.'s, he has been in the Army fourteen months. A cowboy in civilian life, he served with the M.P.'s at Ft. Clark, Texas.

Eng's Engineer Birthday Party For Blanding WAC

Falling hard for Auxiliary Mary Diane Zubal, 1st Sgt. Jim Canning of the 263d Engineer Bn. surprised her with a birthday party last Saturday evening, at the Engineer's own Castle Club. Although intentions of having the party complete with cake and all the trimmings were good, some of Sgt. Canning's buddies lost their willpower and ate the cake beforehand.

As a result of the party S/Sgt. Shanahan through close observation discovered who'd been beating his time with Auxiliary Adeline Straba. 1st Sgt. Greenberg says it isn't worrying him though and stoutly denies that there's any truth to the rumor that he has hired an armed guard to watch over him while he sleeps. He also declares that he is getting extremely tired of having Sgt. Shanahan play "Why Don't You Fall In Love With Me" every time Adeline and he walk into the club.

No one dares to tell Sgt. Herrmann that he lost his WAC to Sgt. Ramsey. Flash: Sgt. Shanahan has just challenged Sgt. Greenberg to a six-round boxing match—he claims it has nothing to do with their feud over Auxiliary Straba.

The party itself was a howling success. Among the WAC's attending were, Auxiliaries Gwen Nelson, Adeline Straba, Alta Hendrickson, Marie Kaly, Julia Wadlak, Loretta Lally, Mary Diane Zubal, Josephine Giampietro, Thelma Wolzer, Mae Petesky, Rachel Ciavarella, Willie Brooks, Salie Patterson, Frances Payne, Virginia Price and Edith Keller.

The Engineers have taken such a liking to the Camp WAC members that at a recent meeting it was voted that they be made honorary members of the club. At their next visit they will be presented with membership cards.

Girdle On Block

Hollywood (CNS) — The late John Barrymore's \$10,000 wardrobe is going on the auction block. Included are dozens of many hooded pajamas, two haggard looking hats—and one girdle.

New AA Gun Blasts Planes At 60,000 Ft.

The existence of a new anti-aircraft gun with an accurate range of 60,000 feet was revealed last week by Maj. Gen. Gladeon M. Barnes, Chief of the Army Ordnance Technical Division. Gen. Barnes would reveal nothing further than the range and the fact that the new weapon has a 4.7 inch diameter bore.

Gen. Barnes disclosed that Army Ordnance experts are well pleased with the performance of the gun. He noted that few bombers are able to go higher than 35,000 or 40,000 feet for effective operations—a level well within the zone of effectiveness of the new gun.

"If the war continues another two years," the General said, "the weapons will only slightly resemble those in use now. We know that we have the best weapons in the world, but we are by no means satisfied."

Tattoo Artist Gives Up Needle, Takes Over Supply Problems

"It was just an accident that I even started tattooing," Sgt. Miles Lutz, supply sergeant of the 263d Engineers claims.

"With a little high pressure selling on the part of a soldier who was being discharged, I found myself the proud possessor of his electric tattooing set. What else could I do then but learn to use it?"

"I never gained a reputation as another Rembrandt with my needle but I have no records of having killed anyone during the period as a student and later as a "pro" in the fine art of tattooing."

"I suppose I was responsible for crippling quite a few though, for during my early flaming enthusiasm my subjects ran all over the place with arrows in their hearts and daggers plunged into their chests. That didn't matter much though, I guess, for it was during peace time."

Asked what designs were most often desired Sgt. Lutz replied, "The real serious lover wants a heart with his girl's name on it but the Casanova always asks for a shield with his Army insignia

MARRIAGES

With friends from several towns present, Miss Helen Maria Marcinko of Washington, D. C. became the bride of Sgt. Edward M. McGovern of Hq., 63d Div., in a nuptial mass performed by Chaplain William J. Guinan in Chapel No. 18 recently.

Witnesses were Miss Katherine Sheehan of White Plains, N. Y., and Sgt. William Oldruixon, Jr., of Hq. 63d Div.

Culminating a romance that began in college, Miss Dorothea Mavis of Philadelphia became the bride of Lt. Michael J. McKillop of Battery B, 718th F.A. in a marriage ceremony solemnized July 3 by Chaplain Walsh.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Pat Mavis while Lt. Klinge of the 862d F.A. served as best man.

A guard of honor of six officers of the 718th stood by and upon their exit from the chapel the newlyweds passed under a canopy of M.I.'s.

tattooed on it. Maybe he's learned from experience that the insignia was more permanent than his love.

"I even became such a whiz at my trade that I was asked to tattoo on one fellow's chest the 'Three Horses' Heads' a painting by Rosa Bonheur."

"Between rush hours I tattooed a few things on my own arms and legs."

Although an expert machine gunner—he could cut the toe-nail off a bird at two-hundred yards—he never tried any fancy tattooing with his machine gun. "The needle seemed a little more suitable."

"When I left the Army in 1926 I had to give my art up because no one back in civilian life seemed nutty enough to want to be tattooed. So I took the next best thing and turned to house painting."

Prior to his induction into the Army last March for another hitch, Sgt. Lutz was general manager of a Chicago painting and contracting firm.

1943 VERSION



MODERN DELILAH'S OF PX 8 MAKE GI HEARTS PALPITATE

Lockheed has its women welders, Chrysler has its lady riveters and Camp Blanding, in general, and Post Exchange No. 8, in particular, has its own female barbers.

Mighty mites of the comb and scissors who tend the tonsorial cares of the men of the BLOOD and FIRE Division are Mrs. Doris Lee Ward and Miss Ronnie M. Hiers, both of 711 Laura Street, Jacksonville, and both war "widows"—the former having a husband "somewhere overseas," the latter having a boy friend in New Zealand.

A petite and spirited brunette, Mrs. Ward has been engaged in this unusual feminine occupation for nearly a decade and has been employed on the local post since November of last year. All business, the little lady can clip your locks in record time and will give you anything from a genuine "G.I." to a Leopold Stokowski.

Commuting to and from Jacksonville every day doesn't bother Mrs. Ward a bit and she goes about her work with the attitude, "this work has got to be done; we can and will do it."

Likes Work

"I like the work fine," says Miss Hiers, an attractive brunette — "like it better than anything I've ever done."

"Dates? Oh sure the boys ask for them once in a while, but we don't mind. We just tell them that

"our hearts" belong to someone else. They're all good kids—real swell kids."

Working on an average of ten hours a day, six days a week, Miss Hiers gives an estimated 40 haircuts daily. Barbering for three years now, she believes an older sister was the big influence in making this her career. This sister, Mrs. Renee Hiott, has been cutting hair for 12 years and now owns her own shop.

Wins Over Tough Top Kicks

Also an employe of the local post since November, Miss Hiers attended barbering school in Jacksonville and, like Mrs. Ward, commutes to and from work daily.

"The boy friend? I.e thinks my career is swell and while things are a little indefinite right now, I might continue barbering even after the war."

Winning over tough old top kicks, brand new PFC's and members of both the old and new Army alike who formerly wouldn't trust their heads of hair in the hands of a woman for love or money, Miss Hiers goes about her work quietly and efficiently—turning out haircuts that would do justice to your favorite barber, be it "Jake on 42d" or "Tony on 38th." Yes, this skepticism is really being erased.

And to the "you know whos of PX No. 8's feminine tonsorialists," keep up the fighting boys—free haircuts and shaves await you on the home front.

Climb into the chair feller. You're next!

'LITTLE WOMAN' HELD BIG WRESTLER DOWN, ENGINEER SGT. SAYS

"I started wrestling for the damn meanness of it," T/Sgt. Carl W. Hendricks of Company "A", 263d Engineer Bn. stated. "And I gave it up, well, because my wife put her foot down."

As an after thought he added, "It wasn't a big foot but you don't know how hard some women can stamp and how determined they can be."

By vocation Sgt. Hendricks was a construction engineer and it was while completing a course in engineering in Indianapolis that the lure of the ring drew his attention.

He started in amateur ranks in the middle west and later began wrestling in carnivals—having his arms elegantly tattooed to add that professional touch.

Incidentally he regrets now that he had it done and occasionally vents his wrath on an ex-tattoo expert living in the next hutment.

In 1932 Sgt. Hendricks won the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, Tri-State Light Heavyweight Championship.

Turning "pro" that year he wrestled under the sobriquet "Sailor Jack Robinson". In the ring he has been refereed by several prominent ring masters among them Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey.

In 1938 he fought a six round

Makes Own Camps And Lies In Them

Having constructed Army camps as a vocation, S/Sgt. Jack N. Shuman of Hq. & Service Co., 263d Engineer Battalion, finally landed in one himself—not quite unexpectedly though, he admits.

To top that, when he was inducted last October at Fort Bragg, he was bunked in a barrack in which the heating system had been installed by his father's firm.

On completion of his schooling in Charlotte, N. C., he entered his father's construction business. As a sub-contractor, the Shuman Company worked on the construction of Camp Pickett, Va.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Camp Davis, S. C.; the air base at Greensboro, N. C.; and Marine bases at Morris Field, Parris Island and Jacksonville.

The firm also helped to construct Mackall Field, N. C. Last week the 263d Engineer Bn., Sgt. Shuman's outfit, received as fillers the two brothers of the soldier for whom Camp Mackall was named.

Sgt. Shuman, as an Army supply sergeant says he finds Army life a far call from construction engineering but as long as he can fineagle an occasional fishing trip—and he does over the week-ends—he won't kick.

Nevertheless he's been short-changed on his favorite sport, golfing. Does anyone have a golf course they'll lend him some weekend?

exhibition match with Eddy Baer. Then, when he was made an offer by a St. Louis Syndicate, the wee wee wife very vehemently said "No", and firmly stamped foot.