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## Two-Day Meeting Will Stress Work At Soldier Shows

### Fourth Service Command To Stage Conference At Theater No. 1

A two-day conference during which eight officers representing the Fourth Service Command will conduct instructional courses in field expedients and methods of presenting theatrical performances for soldiers, will be held Wednesday and Thursday at Theater No. 1 from 0800 to 1700, daily.

The personnel of Division Special Services, all combat team special services, plus all orientation personnel, and that attached to the Public Relations Office and the office of Division Chaplain, will be required to attend the conference. The gathering is the result of a report emanating from the headquarters of Gen. Dwight G. Eisenhower, supreme commander in the European Theater of Operations, in which it was stressed that many special services personnel were insufficiently trained for the role of presenting entertainment for the soldiers overseas.

The delegation of officers from the Fourth Service Command have been touring several camps in the South holding conferences similar to the one that will be held here next week.

On the last day of the conference the delegates will present a variety show with talent picked from among those in attendance.

### 'The Bat Whispers' At CT White Tonight

Two of the screen's veteran movie stars, Chester Morris and Una Merkel, will be seen in "The Bat Whispers," a murder melodrama, at the regular Saturday Niter at CT White Hall.

The Saturday Niter programs are well attended and last Saturday over 400 stay-at-homes witnessed the showing of "Saturday's Millions," a football photoplay of the last decade.

### 63d Orchestra Entertains

The 63d Div. band under WO (j.g.) Harold E. Polakoff entertained at Service Club No. 1, Thursday night. Sgt. Arthur Engler was master of ceremonies. Specialty

## Former Radio Producer Worked With Vallee, Kyser

The name of Pvt. John B. Lyman, Jr., can be added to the imposing array of civilians of considerable professional stature who are members of the 63d Division.

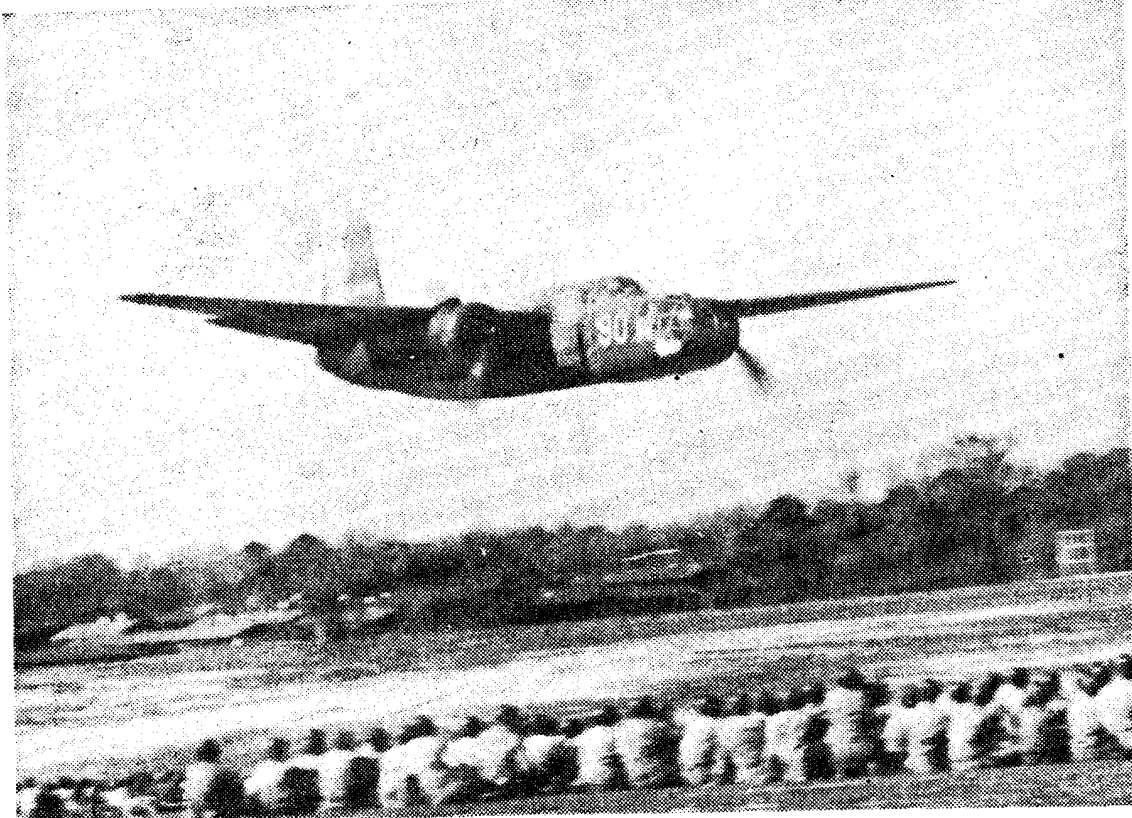
Before volunteering for service in July, 1943, this assistant to Lt. Ralph E. Bond of the 255th Inf., was a program producer for NBC in Hollywood and frequently worked with such radio personalities as Kay Kyser, Ginny Simms, Tommy Dorsey, and Vallee, Frank Morgan and Fannie (Baby Snooks) Brice.

During his many-faceted career he ran the gamut from hobnobbing to hobnobbing with outstanding personalities in the entertainment world as well as some slightly lesser lights in the field of aviation.

### Sailor, Aviator

Lyman was born in Berkeley, Calif., Oct. 21, 1907. He attended the public schools, Kemper Mill-

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MARAUDER is the name of this B-26 medium bomber, one of several bombers and fighters which served as "training aids" for the Blood and Fire Division this week. The planes, from the Army Air Base at Harding Field, roared over the heads of men assembled on the parade grounds for an aircraft recognition class.

## Yum, Yum, Men of 255th Will Pick Favorite Dishes

Having become proficient in the technique of the 105 howitzer, the men of Cannon Co., 255th Inf., are now going to turn to the gentler pursuits of judging food, in a contest suggested and sponsored by Capt. Robt. M. Young.

The project started in the mess tent after show when several men were recalling their favorite dishes at home. One licked his chops over an imaginary veal cutlet smothered with a home-made sauce; another drooled at the memory of fried chicken; still another was ecstatic over huckleberry pie.

Captain Young, standing by the spinach container, smacked his lips and made a steak sandwich. Then, between bites, he unfolded a plan.

Each of the men will write home to his wife or mother and get the recipe for his favorite dish. The recipes will be posted on the bulletin board and each cannoneer will hand in a slip of paper to First Sgt. Risdon Boykin, marking

the dish other than his own which he would like to try.

T/5 Oscar Hernandez, T/5 Max Deakter and Pfc. Charles (Chuck) Drennan will get busy and cook the three dishes that receive the greatest number of votes. The only restrictions to hamper them are that they must save the ingredients from the regular issue of rations, and they must not let the contest interfere with menus directed by quartermaster.

The wife or mother who furnishes the winning recipe will get a written citation from Capt. Young for "culinary and gustatory achievements."

Pass the biscuits, pappy—the soft, brown flaky biscuits, and some giblet gravy!

## 63d Artists Heard On Natchez Radio

The first of a series of weekly broadcasts by men of the 63d Division was presented from the Servicemen's Center, Natchez, Wednesday night.

Sgt. Robert Peters, tenor, of Division Special Services was the soloist on the program presenting "The Lord's Prayer," "Danny Boy" and "Trade Winds."

Pfc. Arnold Spector, former producer and lyricist in New York City, was master of ceremonies and participated in a skit with Sgt. Peters, "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog, But It Did." Spector and Peters carried the theme through several amusing situations which demonstrated what would happen if soldiers selected their clothes as women do. Spector returned later to sing "Home on the Range," by Guion; and "Cap'n Mac," by Sanderson.

Cpl. Joseph Pollock demonstrated his ability as an impersonator when he imitated the voices of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Boak Carter.

Pvt. Norman Belink of the 25th Inf., was the accompanist for the singers and played his own interpretation of "Tea for Two."



Pvt. John B. Lyman, Jr.

## QM, Ordnance Outfits Mark 1st Birthday

### Companies Were First in Division to Be Activated in 1943

Work and training continued without interruption this week at 63d QM Co. and 763d (L. M.) Ordnance Co., as both outfits observed the first year of their activation. They were the first Division units to be activated.

The Quartermaster cadre was detached from the 98th Div. at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., March 15, 1943, and established as the 63d QM Co., but remained at Breckinridge for two additional months. It was coincidental that the special order establishing this first Division unit cadre was Special Order No. 63 issued by command of Maj. Gen. Ransom.

### Officer Cadre

Officers on the QM cadre included Maj. William G. Nagel, Jr., Asst. Div. Qm.; 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Ferdinand D. Schaeffer, Div. Supply Officer; 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Edward A. Lewis, Div. Transportation Officer; and 2d Lt. (now 1st Lt.) Raymond G. Larivee, company commander. Lt. Col. Elmer L. Thompson, Division Quartermaster, had already been assigned to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., with other members of Gen. Hibbs' staff for training.

Among the enlisted men of the 98th Division named last March 15 to the QM cadre were: M/Sgt. Walter P. Nowinski, 1st Sgt. Austin R. Hull, T/Sgt. R. Gregory, S/Sgt. Frank Watson, T/4 Michael Dubis, T/4 Pasquale Mina, Cpls.

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## 50 Men of 254th Given Promotions

A total of 50 enlisted men were advanced in grade in the 254th Inf., recently, it was announced by Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander.

Two men were named to technical sergeant, 13 to staff sergeant, 17 to sergeant, three to T/4, 10 to corporal, and five to T/5.

Advanced to technical sergeant were the following:

Stanley A. Kundwicz, Co. C and Theodore Levine, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.

Promoted to staff sergeant were: Alva T. Roberts, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Quentin S. Holley, John C. Rooney and James J. Severance, all of Co. A; Frank J. Klina, Co. C; Albert Berka, Jr., and Ralph J. Mooney, Co. D; Jack H. Davis, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.; Howard W. Newton, Co. K; James Paton, 110, Gerald M. Byrd, Hershel R. Lane, and Bennet J. Lynch, Co. L.

Promoted to sergeant were:

Merle W. Meyers, Co. A; Earle L. Davis, Co. C; Cecil V. Olson and Joseph A. Scheppe, Jr., Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.; Albert A. Crowne, Edwin A. Hicks, George H. Fodor, William G. J. Boyer, Thomas F. Gierlock, Paul R. Jarzynka and John G. Roelin, Co. E; Robert E. Kline and Edwin B. Eckman, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Louis J. O'Dierno and Robert S. Wilkie, Co. I; Leonard L. Lewis, Co. K; and Thomas R. Cochran, Co. L.

Promoted to T/4 were:

Bridle C. Stone, Co. Co.; Wilton A. Herring, Jr., Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Vincenzo Roncali, Co. K.

Promoted to corporal were:

Jesse O. Studd, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Andrew S. Hurst, and Ovide A. Mallo, Co. A; Harold W. James, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; William M. Elgas, Co. E; Homer O. Clark, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Joseph W. Romanchuk and Harry A. Chapman, Co. K; Everett E. Shaw, Co. L; John W. Ryder, Co. M.

Promoted to T/5 were:

Robert C. Phillips, Sr., Serv. Co.; William E. Feigley, and Frederick H. Fricke, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Anthony W. Forgiato, Co. K; and Victor L. Guindon, Jr., Co. L.

## Calibrating 155s Is Complex Task

It takes Johnny Doughboy only a few seconds to calibrate his accurate M1 through clicking either windage or sight elevation knobs, but when you want to calibrate one of the big 155 mm. howitzers—biggest guns in the 63d—it's quite a complex problem, as men of the 718th F. A. Bn. found out this week when they calibrated their weapons for the first time since arriving at Camp Van Dorn.

The calibration exercises took place in the artillery impact area, where a dozen 155s were lined up hub to hub to assure identical firing and climatic conditions.

### Took Two Weeks

Since the calibration of the howitzers was a training problem, each step was gone over slowly and thoroughly, so that the entire enlisted personnel of the battalion would know what was being done and how to do it. The first step was to calibrate the surveying instruments of the battalion, and to then survey the trial area. The precision surveying, which was done by Capt. George W. Putnam, Bn. S-3; Capt. Paul S. Schellhase, S-2; Lt. Melvin T. Thee, Asst. S-3; Lt. David L. Moses, Asst. S-2, and six enlisted men, took 30 hours.

The target area was chosen in a location which would be seen from four different observation points, so that the exact location of hits could be cross recorded from the four OPs. Two of the

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### He Faw Down

They think highly of Cpl. George Digidio at Btry. C, 718th F. A. Bn. He's unbeaten at his weight in Battalion boxing competition. On top of that he graduated from the Ranger course with top honors.

You know his type, definitely tough.

Last week, however, the effects of total warfare caught up with Digidio and now he reclines in the Station Hospital, bruised and discolored with a sprained knee, twisted ankle and wounded pride.

He fell.

# KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

## The RANGER PLATOON Lives in Tents— Acts as Night Raiders in Training

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 The 63d Infantry Division is a complex military organization which combines the work of infantrymen, artillerymen, quartermasters, medics, and other organic and attached troops. This is the second in a series of articles in which BLOOD AND FIRE will attempt to tell the story of the men in different units of the 63d Div.

Stealthy, noiseless, hard-hitting night marauders—those are the young volunteers who make up the 63d Division Ranger Platoon. Started by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, shortly after the activation of the 63d, this platoon is unique in the Army. It is the first self-contained Ranger outfit in an infantry division. In action the Rangers will be called upon to do special tasks involving considerable danger and calling for exceptional agility and toughness.

Throughout the winter at Camp Van Dorn the Rangers have shunned barracks. They live in pyramidal tents in a little encampment alongside Beaver Creek, some nine miles from the barracks area.

Their training is of a specialized nature—they must of necessity be able to handle all the infantryman's weapons, from a cal. .45 pistol to an 81 mm. mortar, and through training they have attained expert's ratings with each weapon.

Lt. Malcolm B. Toney, commander of the Ranger Platoon, has harkened back to pre-Revolutionary days in the training of his men, patterning them after those rugged Americans who composed Rogers' Rangers. The men, all hand-picked volunteers, are given all the available knowledge of woodcraft, hunting and tracking as a basis for their training.

Should they ever be stranded in woods or jungle, the Rangers would be self-sufficient under even the most trying conditions.

### Taught Fast Marching

In order to get his men where they will be needed in as short a time as possible, Lt. Toney's program has called for frequent speed marches. Four miles in 30 minutes and eight miles in 75 minutes are common practice to these fighting men, and before the completion of their basic training the entire platoon made a 25-mile march in 5 hours and 20 minutes without a single man falling out.

Most of the Rangers had already put in a year's service before coming to the 63d. Some came from IRTCs, others from ASTP units. There are others who came via the paratroopers, artillery or engineers. One bridge-building problem was recently solved by a Ranger who had previously gone to Engineer OCS for 10 weeks at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Nan Sun Chung, affable Chinese platoon sergeant of the Rangers,



ROUGH AND TOUGH are the members of the Ranger Platoon, who spend much of the time in the open, and who are geared for any type of fighting. They are specialists at hand-to-hand combat and photo at left shows Pvt. Robert L. Swain demonstrating how he would disarm an enemy wielding a knife. Pvt. Arthur L. Sizeman is playing the role of attacker. The boys have a chance to relax once-in-a-while. Above they are shown with their mascot, a puppy just a few weeks old.

was a veteran heavy machine gunner with a Hawaiian defense unit at the time of Pearl Harbor. He has many things to settle with the Japs.

### Hand to Hand Fighting

In addition to the regular infantry hand-to-hand fighting methods, the Rangers have developed and improvised improvements from their own experience, bolstered by training the men have received in other

units. Pfc. Edward Capretto and James Eddy, both former paratroopers, brought with them some new tricks taught the flying infantry.

Since the Rangers live apart from the other troops, little is known of their daily life. It is rugged. They arise before dawn, and there are no hot water facilities at Beaver Creek Camp. Following morning chow they staff the Div. Ranger School throughout the morning. In the afternoon they have four hours of rigorous field training themselves. After these afternoon classes they have two hours in which to clean their equipment, wash, eat and prepare for the evening's attacks on bivouacked troops of other Div. units. These attacks sometimes last throughout the night.

### Infiltrate Bivouac Areas

On one recent infiltration problem Pvt. Robert Barta lay just 10 yards away from a CP while bright flares burst overhead. He was one of a group of 12 Rangers attacking that night with special instructions to infiltrate and gather information, but to avoid physical contact or capture.

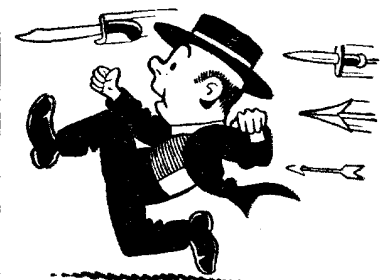
While his buddies spread out around the area and drew the attention of the bivouacked group with firecrackers, Barta approached as near the CP as was possible, then lay still. When the bivouacked company was sure that the "attackers" had withdrawn, the CO gave his men a critique—which Barta overhead and reported back to him the next day! The CO had estimated the attacking force as an entire platoon, they had created so much disturbance in covering up Barta's infiltration.

Pfc. Harry Helm, taking a similar Ranger patrol to a bivouac area, took two hours to locate an outguard post without giving their own presence away. When "friendly" troops passed through the outguard line he heard the exchange of challenge and countersign, and then he and his men boldly approached the sentinel with the proper countersign and passed through the lines and into the area.

While the rest of his patrol chalked "Ranger" on just about everything in the area, Helm looked for the Battalion CP. Unable to find it in the darkness, he awakened two men in a pup tent and asked them where it was. Sleepily they got up and told him the exact whereabouts of their

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

This week I am back to the same old subject again—you Non-Commissioned Officers. Maybe if I keep passing on to you the things I try on my own young NCOs to make them take hold I'll help at least one of you to do your job better. If so, I'll feel more than amply repaid. Which reminds me of once when I was doing a hitch in the Far East and I ran across a missionary who had been working his head off for 20 years and had just managed to escape with his life by the skin of his teeth from the interior with a good many of his former flock throwing knives at his coat tails. "Tell me,"



I said to him, "how many of these people can you honestly say you've converted in these 20 years?"

He scratched his head, thought a while and finally said, "I know of one."

Well, down in my outfit my average with NCOs is a little better than that, but we've still got a hell of a long way to go, believe me. Damned if I can dope it out

headquarters, then turned over to go back to sleep. Unwilling to let a single tent go unmarked, Helm proceeded to chalk the Ranger trademark on the flap. "Just fixing your tent" he told the bewildered occupants. One of the soldiers came out, and when he saw the big white letters he was so stunned he didn't know what to do. Helm escaped before the doughboy could sound an alarm.

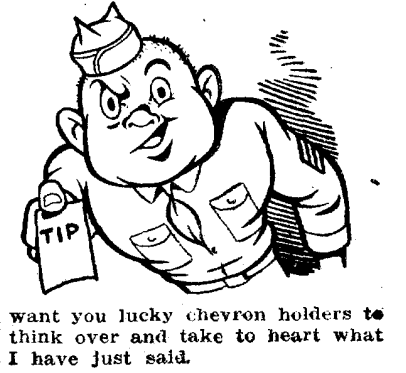
The noise made by cooks is one of the foremost guiding beacons for the Ranger night forays, as the sounds of clanging pots and pans can be heard for a considerable distance in the field. Says one of the men: "They might just as well send out a brass band to welcome us, as we can listen to the cooks and head straight into the center of the bivouac areas."

some times. Here I've got some squad leaders wearing enough stripes to make their arms look like a pine tree being tapped for turpentine, and they are so busy being good guys and saying "pretty please" that they haven't got time to take their squads by the throat and be boss. Instead, the squads are running them.

You know how a woman is: Let her get the idea that she can take over and she will run you ragged, but just get mad and bang the old table and it's surprising how quick she will come to heel. They really like to be bossed and a squad is pretty much the same way. After all, you have been selected to be the leader, not the winner of a popularity contest. You are wearing the chevrons and drawing the pay. You are slated to take that squad into combat, do most of its thinking for it and make it function when the Company Commander is far away. If this is too big a job for you the kindest thing you can do is to resign now before you are fired.

As a matter of fact, in our outfit the Old Man isn't waiting for those resignations. I reckon he figures he has given them about all the time he can spare to get their feet on the ground. For example, the other day a Pfc. took a patrol through the close combat course in fine style. He was followed by a staff sergeant who did a lousy job. As a matter of fact, he didn't do anything. As quickly as the law allowed the Pfc. was a corporal and the sleeves of the staff sergeant were as naked as a new born babe. The Captain says "A poor NCO is just like the enemy—you've got to get them before they get you."

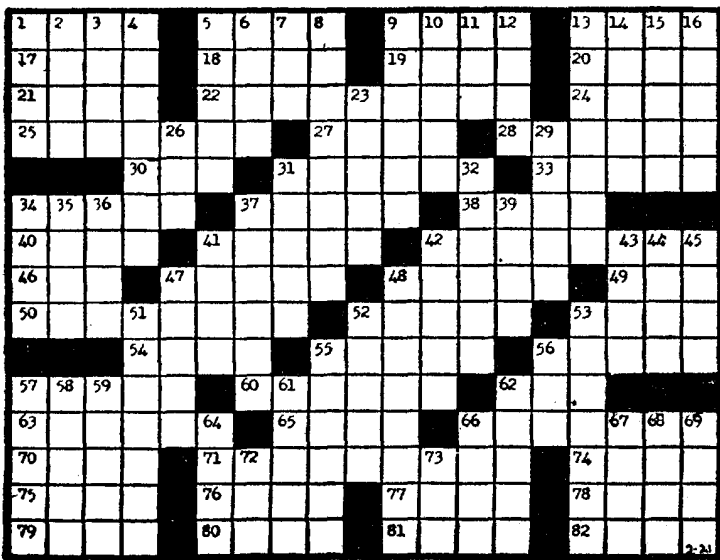
I am not going to pass out any more tips this week because I



want you lucky chevron holders to think over and take to heart what I have just said.

### Crossword Puzzle

(By M/Sgt. Edward Frazier, Div. Hq.)



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|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. High mountains                        | Baton Rouge (abbr.)                      | 51. Rambles                     | 37. One who groans        |
| 2. Repress                               | 56. Army grade                           | 52. Has observed                | 39. Title                 |
| 3. Weapons                               | 52. Ethical                              |                                 | 41. Talk together         |
| 13. Indorsements (abbr.)                 | 53. To breathe hard                      | <b>Down</b>                     | 42. Gull-like bird (Dan.) |
| 17. Tidy                                 | 54. Price                                | 1. Against                      | 43. Hang loosely          |
| 18. Rip                                  | 55. Sanctified person                    | 2. Slant                        | 44. Medieval slave        |
| 19. Jump                                 | 56. Yawns                                | 3. Portion                      | 45. Deep tracks           |
| 20. Ratify                               | 57. Capital of Oregon                    | 4. A spire                      | 47. Sets of workers       |
| 21. To weigh                             | 60. City in Wisconsin                    | 5. A step                       | 48. Directing attention   |
| 22. Branch of service operating big guns | 62. Obstruct                             | 6. Condition                    | 51. Larger                |
| 24. Narrow street                        | 63. Gratify                              | 7. Seed grain                   | 52. Maintenance (abbr.)   |
| 25. Time between periods                 | 65. Infantry Regiment's Training (abbr.) | 8. Army seventh graders         | 53. Small detachments     |
| 27. To avail                             | 66. Enduring                             | 9. United Nations fighting team | 55. Leaves (slang)        |
| 28. Infrequent                           | 70. State (French)                       | 10. Stagers                     | 56. Fuel                  |
| 30. By means of                          | 71. Medicines having a soothing tendency | 11. Impair                      | 57. Spot                  |
| 31. Tardiest                             |  | 12. Disguised scouts            | 58. Communion table       |
| 33. Assault                              |  | 13. Lands surrounded by water   | 59. Rent                  |
| 34. Ring-shaped coral island             |  | 14. Approaches                  | 61. Helped                |
| 37. Small sums of money                  |  | 15. Skip lightly                | 62. Operation points      |
| 38. Flock                                |  | 16. Form of precipitation       | 64. Brand of gasoline     |
| 40. To caress                            |  | 23. Tardier                     | 66. Make a loan           |
| 41. One who arrives                      |  | 26. Relative (abbr.)            | 67. Unoccupied            |
| 42. Change over                          |  | 29. Toe miseries                | 68. Part of the face      |
| 46. Part of "to be"                      |  | 31. Boundary                    | 69. Secluded valley       |
| 47. Goddess                              |  | 32. Menace                      | 72. A fish                |
| 49. University in                        |  | 34. Exclamation                 | 73. By way of             |
|  |  | 35. Ripped                      |                           |
|  |  | 36. Above                       |                           |
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RECREATION AREA at Natchez maintained by the U. S. Army is available to soldiers for lodging and recreational activities free of charge. General view of the entrance showing hutments is depicted above. A well-stocked PX is part of the equipment. Sgt. Robert L. Kelly of Camp Van Dorn Station Complement, in charge of the area, is shown making a sale to a member of the 63d Div. Pfc. Roy Williams is at the left. Two members of the 63d, Sgt. James E. Warren, of the 255th Inf., (right) and Pvt. Nicholas Pictroiacovo of Co. A, 255th, emerge from one of the tents with blankets supplied by the Army.

## Army Area at Natchez Offers Lodging for Men

Most communities within a 50 or 75-mile radius of Camp Van Dorn have gone all out in their efforts to provide lodging for visiting servicemen. Few if any of the nearby cities or towns can boast the facilities offered by the U. S. Army Recreation Area located adjacent to Duncan Park, in Natchez. Staffed by men from the Camp Van Dorn Station Complement headed by Sgt. Robert L. Kelly, the area boasts rows of hutments, each containing a stove and beds. In addition there is a well-stocked PX and a recreation room con-

taining ping pong tables, and other facilities for indoor games.

### Tents for Officers

There are tents for officers as well as for enlisted men and a bus from Natchez will take passengers to within a few hundred feet of the entrance. Lodging may be secured by all servicemen free of charge. Blankets and pillows are provided, and accommodations are available for some 550 men.

Soldiers of the 63d Division have taken full advantage of the accommodations since they have been at Camp Van Dorn and on weekends at the beginning of the month in particular, there have been from 300 to 400 applicants for lodging.

According to Sgt. Kelly, an average of four to six convoys also stop at the area each month.

### Golf at City Links

Outdoor recreational facilities include horseshoe courts, badminton and golf. The golf course is operated by the City of Natchez and is part of nearby Duncan Park. Servicemen may play its nine holes free of charge and clubs are available for those who do not have their own.

The Recreation Area is located in an attractive setting. Ancient trees draped in Spanish moss provide a maximum of shade for the hutments in warm weather, while small white picket fences, constructed by members of the staff, partition off the paths at the entrance.

In addition to Sgt. Kelly, there is Pfc. Roy Williams, and Pvt. Arthur Crusey and Robert Earnest.

## Religious Services

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

**Sunday**  
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900.  
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1000.  
Chapels No. 5, 8, 10, 1000.  
Chapel No. 5, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1100.  
Chapel No. 7, 1100.  
Chapel No. 8, Lutheran Communion Service, 1100.

**Sunday Afternoon and Evening**  
Chapel No. 6, Concert Hour, 1530.  
Co. A Day Room, 2625 Bagr. Bn. 1815.

**Weekday Services**  
Chapel No. 6, 1900, Lenten Service.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

**Sunday**  
Chapels No. 5, 10, 0900.  
Theater No. 5, 0900.  
Theater No. 1, 1030.  
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), 1930.

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, 1815.  
Chapel No. 7, 2000.

### MORMON SERVICES

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 8, 1400.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING

**Sunday**  
Chapel No. 1, 1100.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

**Friday**  
Chapel No. 11, 1930.

## 95 Promotions Listed by 255th

Ninety-five enlisted men of the 255th Inf., received promotions recently. It was announced by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander. Six of the men were named technical sergeants, and 15 were elevated to staff sergeants.

Advanced to technical sergeant were the following staff sergeants: James V. Rusa, and Frederick M. Albright, both of Co. G; Edward K. Kim, Co. K; Paul Stevens, Co. L; John A. Blaney, Co. B; Norman H. Runge, Co. A.

Advanced to staff sergeant were the following:

Wilbur B. Jarchow, AT Co.; Frank Campbell, Charles G. Gallagher, Marshall B. Rogers, and Henry E. Bahls, Co. B; Melvin O. Olson, Peter W. Zorneman, and John Morbello, Jr., Co. G; T. J. Charles M. Gasparovich, Hq. Co.; Ed. Bo., Richard W. Holmes, Raymond L. Bonsteel, Co. I; Joseph M. Webb, Jr., and John J. Ruz, Co. M; Peter A. Muschiano, Co. A; and T. J. James E. Zykst-decky, Jr., Hq. Co. 1st Bn.

Advanced to sergeant were the following:

Murray Balter, AT Co.; Elmer J. Roberts, Co. C; Bernard M. Pawlicki, Ernest M. O'Bryan, Jr., Francis J. O'Shea, Clifford B. Ricker, Bernard Yeaman, Gus Martin, Herbert G. Magowney, and Marion E. Cox, Co. B; T. J. Clyde R. Gressor, Co. G; William C. Makubay, William G. Shipman, Co. I; Charles W. Struppel, Charles Bernstein, Floyd Midyette, Bernard G. Pastor, and William J. Broderick, Co. L; Louis H. Davis, and Henry C. S. Swab, Co. M; Joseph L. Pavaro, Lorence Heit, Marvin H. Ebling, Ramon K. Mondor, Lawrence A. Geiger, Theron R. Myers, Anthony M. Ferriero, Salvatore J. Stampiglio, and James E. DePersenaire, Co. A.

Advanced to T/4 were: David E. Dittl, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., and Paul E. Richards, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

Advanced to corporal were:

Morris M. Simon, Joseph Gangi, Paul W. Gettings, Robert R. Dorsey, and Anthony J. Tolosno, Jr., Co. B; Chris Klostra, Robert J. Shure, Bernard S. Bernard, William C. Tyeer, John E. Calkins, James B. Ordors, Jr., and Ralph E. Brown, Co. H; Abraham H. Klein and Robert H. Bauer, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Clayton G. Huber and Steve Cavrikas, Co. I; Louis Russotto, George H. Bohlen, Thomas C. Bullian, and Frank Dahl, Co. L; John W. Nash, Jr., Lloyd P. Sokolik, Edward C. Hirschak and Arthur J. Salvo, Co. M; James A. Chadwick, Richard J. Sweet, Eli Soodik, Henry Scandler, Gay C. Turman, and Wallace E. Dunsmore, Co. A.

Advanced to T/5 were:

William J. Turanski and Morris Reed, Hq. & Hq. Co.; William O. Menser, Med. Det.; Eugene W. McConiga, Co. B; Abe Hayes, Clayton E. Valade, Gerald D. Groden, Kourken T. Mahigian, Raymond H. Vann, James DeFalso, Walter K. Drake, and Paul J. Sullivan, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; and Raymond H. Gariopy, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

## Pig in a Poke

Lt. Charles Bender, 254th Inf. Police and Prison Officer, made a "pickup" in his car the other day—while it was parked.

Unknown to the lieutenant, a suckling pig somehow found its way into the auto. The first inkling he got of its presence was the squealing he heard as he started to drive away.

Since then CT White Rec. Hall has added another habitue.

## Change of Tenants Must Be Recorded

Landlords in houses and apartments are required to file a Change of Tenant form when a new tenant moves in, according to Hansford L. Simmons of McComb, director of the Centreville Defense Rental Area.

"This form should be filed within five days after the new tenant comes in," the director's statement says. The landlord is required to show the new tenant a copy of the registration form, which the tenant signs on the back. Both landlord and tenant sign the Change of Tenant form and this is filed with the Area Office.

This procedure gives the tenant a chance to know the maximum rent and enables the Area Office to keep a current list of tenants. There has been some slackness recently in filing these forms and a checkup is under way.

With the coming of warm weather, a check should be made on screening conditions. The landlord should repair or replace screens, and the tenant should take special care of this part of the property.

"The housing shortage is very acute in Natchez and McComb, and we are asking full co-operation of landlords and tenants in holding the line on rent charges," Simmons said.

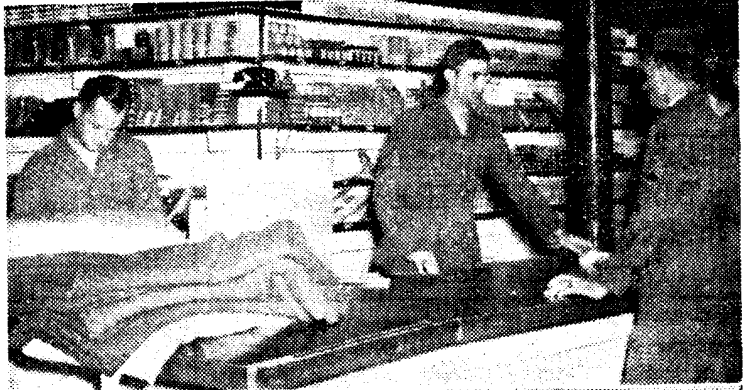
## Actors Entertain At Purim Festival

Many men in the Division of Jewish origin saw relatives and friends in motion pictures shown Sunday night at CT Red Rec. Hall in connection with a Purim Festival.

Chaplain Aaron Kahan had previously taken movies of the men at Camp Van Dorn and then had them shown to their relatives in New York City last month.

In addition to the showing of the pictures, entertainment was presented by several Division actors. Pvt. Arnold Spector was master of ceremonies and led the gathering in song. Pvt. Norman Belnik played several selections on the piano and accompanied Sgt. Charlie Blue, violinist, of Division Band. Pvt. Joe Dolin of CT Blue Recreation and Athletic Office gave "Little Nell" from the Gay Nineties Revue, and Cpl. Joe Pollock and T/5 Fred Wiener put on a skit based on the March of Time.

New Jersey is the only state whose governor serves for three years.



## Former Radio Producer Worked With Vallee, Kyser

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Lyman says, "which included doing everything from writing ads to acting as co-pilot on one of those ancient, Ford tri-motor jobs."

From Los Angeles, he was sent as the company's representative in Agua Caliente, Mexico, where he spent three years, acting as field supervisor, ticket agent, and janitor. Then he was transferred to Amarillo, Tex., as district manager.

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That was the beginning of Lyman's radio career. He worked

three months for the station, then joined the California Exposition staff as announcer and master of ceremonies. He went to Dallas, Tex., as chief announcer for the Texas Centennial Exposition, and later became program director for the Pan-American Exposition.

In 1937 he accepted the position of assistant director of radio and public address at the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island, where he stayed until 1939, when he returned to radio via station KOA, Denver. In December, 1941, he found himself back in Hollywood as night manager of NBC studios, from which position it was but a step to producing Carlton Morse's "One Man's Family," Arch Oboler playlets, and "The Great Gildersleeve" were among his top-notch programs.

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## Headquarters, 718th, Holds Mess Hall Party

With entertainment furnished by men of the organization, Headquarters Battery, 718th F. A. held a party, Friday, March 3, at their mess hall. Beer, soft drinks and other refreshments were served.

S/Sgt. Edgar Skinner was the master of ceremonies and a trio consisting of T/5's William Woods, James Dishaw and Pvt. William Haver supplied old fashioned harmony. Pfc's Nuncio D'Elia and Vito Lovelace were heard in vocal solos, and Lovecchio did an excellent take-off on Clem McCarthy, famous sports announcer.

## SON BORN TO STREIFFS

First Lt. William H. Streiff, assistant finance officer, is the father of a boy born recently in Natchez. The baby weighed seven pounds at birth.

## Waltz Music Features Tomorrow's Concert

The "Rosenkavalier" waltz by Richard Strauss, will feature the program of recordings to be held on the grounds of Chapel No. 6 at 1530 Sunday afternoon. Heretofore the concerts have been held in the chapel, but it has been decided to hold tomorrow's concert in the rear of the building, providing the weather is fine.

The Strauss program also will include "On the Shores of Sorrento," and "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" suite. In addition to the Strauss program, "Invitation to the Waltz" by Von Weber, will also be played.

## Dance Tonight at Club 2

A special dance will be held tonight at Service Club No. 2 starting at 2000. Girls from Vicksburg will be present to furnish partners for the affair.

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## EDITORIAL

### CONSERVATION PAYS

Everyone knows that candy bars and chewing gum, so plentiful at the PX, are almost unobtainable at home. What many do not realize is that equally familiar items of our everyday garrison life are becoming increasingly scarce at home—scarce to a point of creating a national emergency.

Coal is one of these items. We used to dump it unthinkingly in the space heater, and it lay around the coal boxes like gravel. Electric power was another; it mattered little if the barrack lights burned all day. Fruit crates and bushel baskets were kicked around till they were damaged beyond repair.

Today there are national shortages of these and other items. The coal shortage is the most critical. Special measures of conservation have been directed by higher authority in the Army. For the selfish, it is fortunate that warm weather is here in the South. For the others, it will suffice to know that scrap lumber will give enough heat and that the coal saved will mean heat for some of our families' homes in the North, fuel for the locomotives that pull the war goods of America and fuel for the boilers and dynamos that produce those war materials.

Electric power consumes coal, too, and every light turned off after use means a tiny fraction of coal saved.

Egg cases, fruit and vegetable containers, baskets and burlap bags pour into mess halls and ration breakdown points in such quantity that many believe the supply unlimited. It is not. These containers must be used again and again, not only in this and other Army camps, but to carry food to every home in America. It is imperative that the utmost care be taken in handling and opening them in order that they may be returned to industry for re-use.

The conscientious soldier is a conscientious citizen, not only of the Army, but of all America. In these little things, as in larger ones, he will help the nation solve its wartime needs.

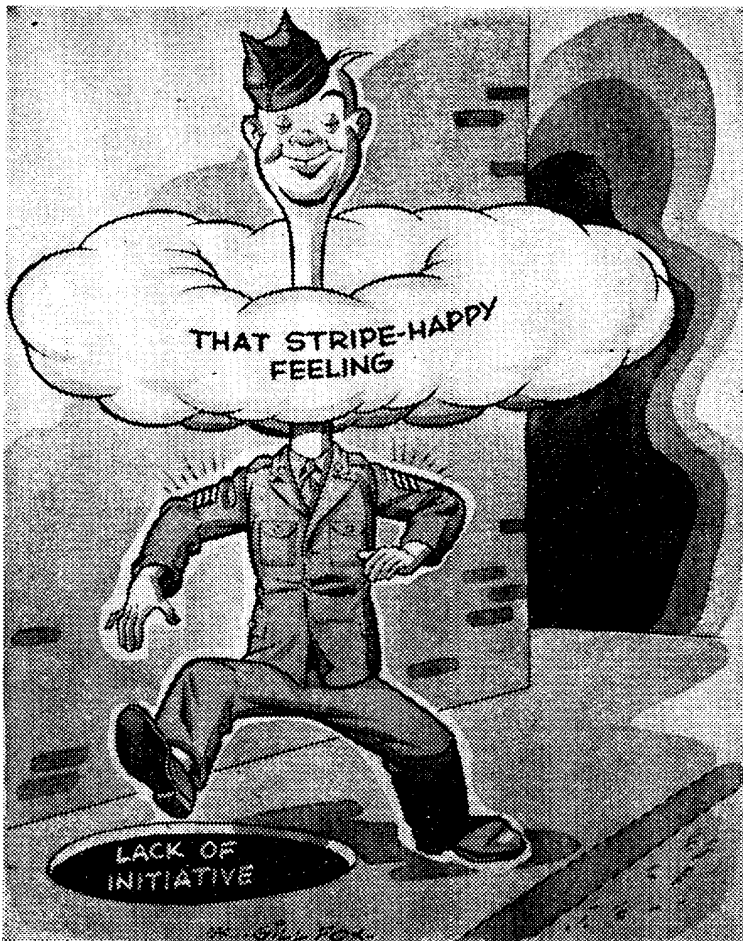
### WINNING SPIRIT

Despite rigorous training, nights in the field, and a multitude of other things connected with preparing the Division for its combat role, somehow or another time was found to stage a basketball tournament which came to a close last Saturday, when Co. H, 254th Inf., won the crown.

The fact that the tournament was held and that it ran its course to the end is a tribute not only to Division Special Services, its sponsor, but also to the men from the various units who participated.

More than 100 company and battery teams, totaling more than 1,000 men, competed in the play which ran for some five months. During that period games were played nearly every night. Soldiers came in from field maneuvers, which often occupied them from dawn until dark, donned basketball suits and proceeded to play strenuously for an hour or two.

The spirit shown by these men is not only typically American; it is the spirit, as the saying goes, that wins ball games, and, incidentally, it can win wars.



Don't get your head so high in the clouds that you can't see where you're going!

## News from Here and There

### Welders Make Griddles, Yanks Have Hot Cakes

ENGLAND (CNS)—A group of GI welders have made it possible for soldiers stationed at a U. S. Army Depot here to have hot cakes for breakfast, according to an Army release.

The PRO hastened to add that the welders don't make the griddle cakes. They just make the griddles from salvaged metal.

### Lost Battalion Fights Free of German Trap

ITALY (CNS)—Surrounded for a week while German forces tried in vain to wipe them out, a "lost battalion" of American troops finally fought its way back to the Anzio beachhead with very few losses.

"We weren't really lost," explained Lt. Col. Lawrence Brown, of Syracuse, N. Y. "We knew where we were and so did the Germans. We were surrounded all the time and our only means of communication was by radio."

After trying to escape from the trap for a week, Col. Brown's battalion finally managed to worm its way through a split in the Nazi lines and crawl back to the beachhead. "During the last stages," he said, "we had to crawl over dead Germans to escape the criss-cross of machine-gun fire."

"We killed plenty of Germans," he added.

### Trail of Rubber Checks Traps Phoney Officers

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Two GIs, AWOL from a Federal prison, were arrested here garbed in resplendent officers' uniforms after they had left a trail of rubber checks all the way from Cincinnati.

According to the FBI, the pair, Douglas Ray Allred, 20, and Edward Malone, Jr., 18, escaped from the Federal prison at Fort Knox, Ky., where they were serving long terms for repeated Army infractions. They bounced some checks in Cincinnati and then, masquerading as a major and as a captain, respectively, invaded the nation's capital where they rented a \$25-a-day hotel suite, entertained lavishly and regaled one and all with tales of their "combat" exploits.

### Phonograph Entertains Soldier in Foxhole

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—A guard patrolling the beach at an Allied-occupied outpost in this area, was startled to hear the strains of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" drifting through the night. He investigated, found

Pfc. Alex Golowach of Astoria, N. Y., in a foxhole with a phonograph.

### K Rations Are Sampled By Senate Delegation

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Several senators nibbled K Rations here recently and although their reactions to the delicacy were varied, all agreed it was a good solid food.

"I enjoyed it," said one statesman, grinning wryly and plucking the stumps of two shattered teeth from his mouth.

"It's hard as the hubs of hell," said another, less enthusiastically.

### Reported as Missing, Sergeant Comes Home

CLEFTON, N. J. (CNS)—Sgt. Frank Visalli's parents had been told he was missing in action. Imagine their surprise, therefore, when he showed up the other day. Home on furlough, Visalli said the story of his escape from a German prison camp must wait until the end of the war.

### Navy Lists 21,476 Smiths Among Tars

WASHINGTON (CNS)—There are 21,476 men named Smith in the Navy, the Navy Department has revealed. There are also 15,045 men named Johnson, 11,035 named Jones, 202 named Seaman and three named Bluejacket.

### Four Major Generals Listed for Promotion

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Roosevelt has nominated four major generals for promotion to lieutenant general in the Army and Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith, Marine commander at Tarawa, for promotion to lieutenant general in the Marines.

Nominated for advancement in the Army were Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, chief of staff to Gen. MacArthur; Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, now stationed in the CBI theater; Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding Army Service Forces in the ETO, and Maj. Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, Third Army commander and chief of the Southern Defense command.

### Leader of Marshall Raiders Is Married

SAN DIEGO (CNS)—Lt. Col. Evans Fordyce Carlson, leader of Carlson's Marine Raiders in the Marshall Islands campaign, and Mrs. Peggy Tatum Whyte of La Jolla, Calif., were married here recently.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Norman R. Olsen  
(Hq. Special Troops)

A soldier recently spoke to his chaplain about the opportunities provided by the Army for worship and spiritual guidance. He said: "When you think of the cost of erecting and equipping all of the chapels, you realize that the government believes in religion. And when you consider the effort being made to assign chaplains to lead and guide the soldier in his religious life, there isn't much excuse for a fellow neglecting his church."

Both of these statements are true! The Army believes that men should be at their best morally and spiritually. A man with sincere religious habits ought to be a man of strong character.

This Lenten or Pre-Easter period is a good time for us to examine ourselves, to see if we have been living up to our religious faith. Whatever your background, have you faithfully and regularly fulfilled your religious obligations since entering the Army? Have you attended the religious services provided for you in the Chapels and theaters each Sunday? If not, have you any good reason for neglecting them?

One does not accuse an individual of being utterly irreligious because he does not attend worship! But, on the other hand, it is certain that one's spiritual life and personal character are strengthened by regular habits of chapel attendance.

Whatever your faith—GO TO THE CHAPEL SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH Sunday morning. You will be a better man for it!

## G. I. Jingles

### BUSY BUSY BUSY

"Please write me more often;  
More letters, not postcards,"  
You say.

Would that I could, my cherub,  
But I'm terribly busy these  
Days—and nights.

While you repose with eyes still  
Closed, your lad is checking  
—Bogies, fillers, wedge nuts, rollers.

To look not idle during idle  
Time I'm oriented and  
Commended, admonished and  
Defended—and made to do 25  
Side-straddle hops.

Wash racks, grease guns and  
Machine guns; driving ranges,  
Firing ranges and fording  
Streams; all make nightmares  
Of my dreams.

Turrets, hatches and gremlins  
Running up sponsons; I'm  
Going dippy in my little home,  
Home on the range.

—T/5 John W. Valey,  
Co. C, 787th Tank Bn.,  
Camp Chaffee, Ark.

### BIVOUAC

Just back to camp  
From where it's damp;  
Mud and ticks,  
Leaves and sticks.

Sky was blue,  
Meals were goo;  
Coffee cold,  
Mosquitoes bold.

On guard, no rest;  
So tired, no zest.  
Lectures, mines—booby traps;  
Tried to take a few brief naps.

Long hike out, long hike in,  
GI shoes wearing thin.  
Blisters, aches, cold in head,  
Shower-shave-rolled in bed.

Too tired to write long letters,  
Hope that you fared much better.  
Full moon, clear starry sky,  
Falling asleep, so good-bye.

—By Pvt. Antonio George Catavolo,  
Co. C, 255th Inf.

### AUTHOR IDENTIFIED

Did you ever get all tensed up waiting for a cannon to shoot and then have nothing happen? That's comparable to the way Pvt. Sam Savar, Co. C, 255th Inf., felt when last week's issue of BLOOD AND FIRE was delivered to him. Savar had submitted a poem, "Ode to the M1 Rifle," which he knew was going to be printed, and it was the first thing he'd ever published.

The poem was printed all right, but inadvertently the printer dropped Savar's name from it.

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

**718th F. A.**—Eight men of Hq. Btry. were promoted to Pfc. recently. They are Harold Hedges, Edwin Andrews, Sr., Vito Livechio, Jr., Arthur Massarelli, Charles Kabat, George Grube, Philip Scott and Lloyd Short. . . . Seventy-five girls from Baton Rouge, Natchez and other nearby cities will be guests of Serv. Btry. at a party scheduled for two weeks hence . . . In Btry. A, Pfc. Joseph R. Griswold was promoted to corporal and Pfc. Rowland N. Melby and Pvt. Hayward Polk became T/5s . . . Cpl. Horace A. Somes, of Wading River, Lower Bank, N. J., instrument corporal and survey expert of Btry. A, was well schooled in civilian life for his Army job. After being graduated from Lower Bank High School in 1930, he studied forestry at Pennsylvania State College for two years. For nine years he was stationed in Southern New Jersey with the U. S. Forest Service and the CCC, and there he became forestry foreman. In 1942 he went to the Allegheny Forest Experiment Station and was superintendent of the Lebanon Experimental Station, surveying and conducting forest research and experimental projects . . . Pvt. Charles Oister, Btry. A, has been promoted to corporal and Pvt. John Mercurio and James Cannell, of the same battery, to T/2 . . . Newest officer promotion in the battalion is that of Capt. Puller E. Hughes, recently advanced from first lieutenant. He is assistant S-3 of the battalion.

**Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.**—Five promotions were announced last week in Div. Hq. They were: S/Sgt. George F. McAndrew, G-2 Sec., to technical sergeant; T/4 Daniel F. Goldstein, Div. Surg. Office, to T/3; Cpl. Joseph V. Summers, G-4 Sec., to sergeant, and Pvt. Harry Goodman and Paul C. Smith, both of the G-3 Sec., to Pfc. . . . In Div. Hq. Co., Sgt. John M. Phillips, acting first sergeant, was promoted to staff sergeant and Pfc. Harold J. Olsen and Jackson W. Piercy were raised to T/5 and corporal, respectively. . . . Recent promotions in the Div. Band include those of T/5 Charles Blue to T/4, Pfc. Joseph H. Madera to T/5, and the following privates to Pfc.: Anthony Ajello Albert Bianchi, Charles N. Falconio, Edwin H. Shanholtz, Salvatore P. LaRocca, Irvin Rochlin, Don Pablo and Rudolph A. Legner.

**63d QM. Co.**—In the last week, the Quartermasters have established themselves as combat soldiers by going through gas chambers, infiltration course and Nazi Village course without incident.

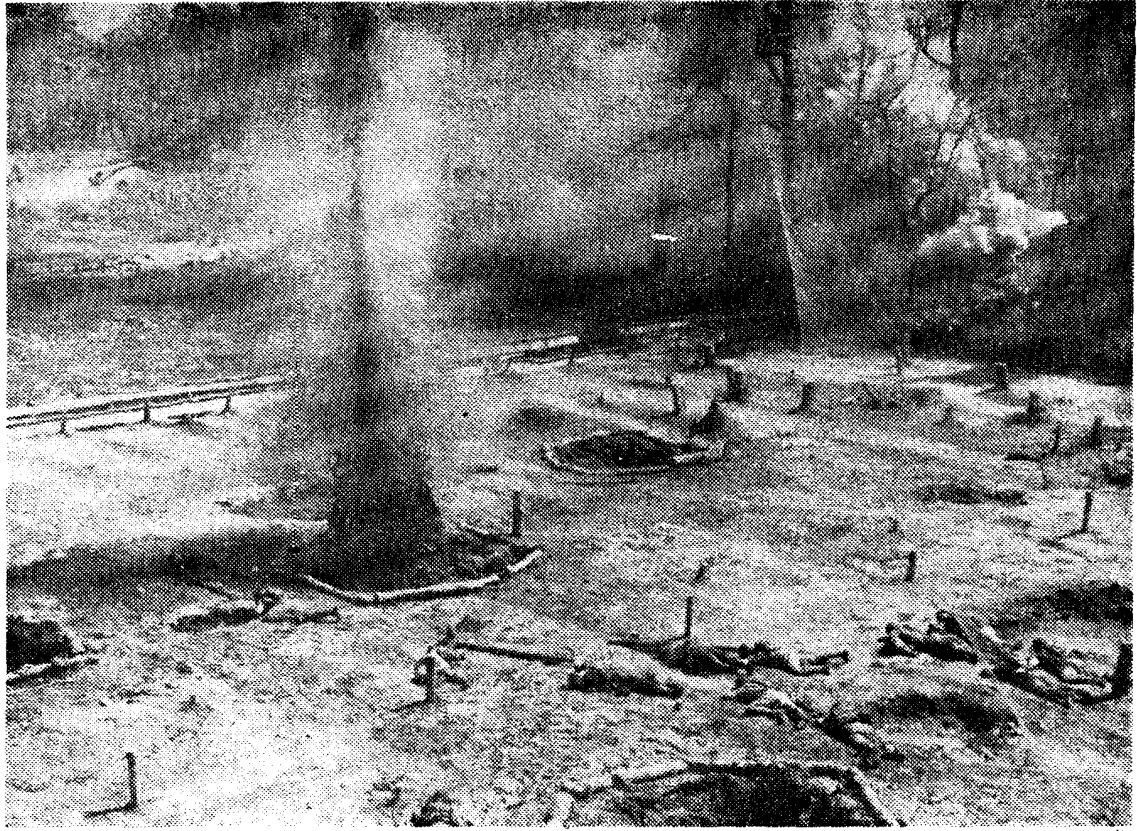
**253d Inf.**—Sgt. Earl Groubert, Co. B, married his high school sweetheart, Miss Mary Elizabeth Morton, while on furlough last week. . . . The new commanding officer of Co. A is Capt. Otis J. Copeland, Jr. . . . 1st/Sgt. John L. Siska, Co. K, is attending OCS. . . . Lt. Andrew Bielek, Co. K commander, sponsored a party in the dayroom at which members of the WAC Det. were guests. Music was furnished by the 253d Inf. orchestra. . . . Lts. Melvin E. Walker, Co. A, and Howard Nichols, Co. H, have swapped gold bars for silver . . . Pvt. Frank A. Konzalka, Co. A, wrote gags for Mark Hellinger, the columnist, before his induction. . . . Recent promotions entitle men of Co. K to address the following as T/Sgt. Meredith, S/Sgt. Peterson, Sgt. Bailey, Sgt. Matthews and S/Sgt. McVey. . . . A quartet of corporals were promoted to sergeant in Co. A. They are: Horace M. Brown, Joseph R. Randick, Charles G. Carpenter and Edmund Hoover. T/5s Steve Koscic and Alvin Soalfield moved up a grade. . . . Cpl. Roger Guguecello, Co. A clerk, who was stricken with pneumonia while on furlough in New York, is back on duty. . . . S/Sgt. Caesar Castenada, Co. A, is perhaps the only GI in the country who spent his furlough in a foreign country. His home is in Cuba. . . . Pvt. John St. George Joyce, Co. H, is the father of an 8½-pound boy, Michael.

**861st F. A.**—Cpl. John Graves, Btry. A, plans to be married on furlough in Michigan. Pvt. Kenneth Holmes, also from the Wolverine State, went along as best man. . . . T/4 William Winkin, Btry. C, and Pfc. Bernard Timms are among the recently married. . . . Capt. Wayne A. Thompson, commander of Btry. A, has been transferred to the staff of The Field Artillery School and Lt. Charles M. Young, Jr., is the new battery commander. . . . 1st/Sgt. Arthur J. Leffer, true to his 15 years' service in the Army, had his son baptized at a post chapel. . . . Recent promotions to corporal included those of Pvt. Gesek, Boris, Gainer, Haag, Sohaski, Goodwin and Greely, and to T/5 those of Pvt. Petruschius, Moore, Turner, Youngstrom, Pavek, Becker, Leopold and Prestia.

**254th Inf.**—Recent assignments brought six new officers to the regiment. From Camp Polk, La., came two tank destroyer officers, 2d Lts. William R. Smith, Jr., assigned to Hq. Co., 2d Bn., and Donald T. Warren to AT Co. From Fort Benning, Ga., came Capt. Fred H. Horlock and William L. Bessinger, assigned as commanders to Co. B and Co. L, respectively. From Fort McClellan, Ala., came 1st Lts. Miles Milkovich and Oland H. Delworth, assigned to Co. M and Co. B, respectively. . . . Recent promotions in Hq. Co., 3d Bn., include those of S/Sgt. Theodore Levin, Willie Kelly and William Ratchford to technical sergeant; Cpls. Edwin Eckman, Robert Kline and Walter Wood to sergeant; Pfc. Homer Clark, Joseph McGuekin and Robert Houston to corporal, and Pvt. George Bennett, Birger Kaino, Harold Luxenberg, Kenneth Pearson, Martin Montanelli and Max Hamerman to Pfc. . . . Co. G entertained a sailor over the week-end when Paul G. Schmitt, electrician's mate first class, was the guest of Pfc. Harold Smith. Schmitt has spent two years on active combat duty in the South Pacific. Smith, whose orientation board won the regimental award for February, has been transferred to Hq. 2d Bn. . . . The following are recent promotions in Co. K: Howard Newton to staff sergeant; T/5 Vincent Roncolli to T/4, Pfc. Waldo Sherno to T/5 and Pfc. Harry Chapman and Joseph Romanchick to corporal. . . . S/Sgt. Herschel Lane and Sgt. Thomas Cochran, Co. L, were hosts to their brothers, Pfc. Ival Lane and Pvt. Marvin Cochran, when the two privates come here from Camp Shelby, Miss. It was the first meeting of the Lane brothers in 14 months. . . . S/Sgt. Theophil J. Bryl, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., is celebrating the birth of his first child, a son who weighed 8½ pounds at birth.

**255th Inf.**—A son was born to Mrs. Hunter Badger the day after her husband, a private in Serv. Co., returned to camp from his furlough. . . . At least twice a day T/4 Edward Doring, Serv. Co., spreads out a map of the United States and, pencil in hand, traces imaginary tours of the country. . . . Capt. George C. Whitney, Serv. Co., took a number of photographs of the company in chow line, de-

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**AID MEN** of the 363d Medical Battalion are shown as they drag their stretchers across the "no man's land" of the infiltration course where actual battle conditions are simulated. Machine guns chattered and live ammunition crackled overhead. At the left center dynamite sends a spout of dirt high in the air while at the right smoke from another explosion may be seen.

## St. Patrick's Dance Held by Men of 253d

In a setting which carried out the St. Patrick's Day motif with brilliant green streamers and other appropriate decorations, men of the 2d Bn., 253d Inf., staged a successful dance last night at the CT Red Rec. Hall.

Girls from Natchez, Baton Rouge, McComb and other communities were guests of the evening and refreshments were served by their hosts.

The orchestra of the 253d, under the baton of Pfc. Ralph Cerasuolo supplied the music for the dancing and Irish ballads were sung by Pvt. Deland Burt, one-time boy soprano.

The arrangements were in charge of Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, regimental special service officer.

## Linguists to Aid Artymen Abroad

The men of C Battery, 718th F. A. Bn., are completely ready for a second front. At least, when the invasion begins they'll have someone there to interpret the language of the country no matter where they land.

For instance, if Winston Churchill's Balkan campaign ever becomes a reality, Sgt. John Dabakis will be right there if they hit Greece. The Sergeant, chief of the second section, speaks Greek fluently.

If it's the other side of the continent, it will be Cpl. Raymond O. Hagen who will be the interpreter. He's an expert with Norwegian. If they back up the present front in Italy, then Pvt. Phillip Diogardi will be the go-between for the Yanks and the natives. Then, too, there's Pvt. Louis Colunga, who can rattle off the Spanish, and S/Sgt. Alvin Faldisek who can talk Bohemian.

One war plant has converted into electrical energy the power spent on break-in tests of airplane engines by hooking the engines to generators.

## Reveille Reveals

It's not what you say, but how you say it that gets the men up in the morning. Pfc. Bill Brandt, Hq. Co., 3d Bn. 255th Inf., discovered that when he was in charge of quarters. Came time for lights out and Sgt. Howard Dehner, Pfc. Herbert Arbitblitt, Pfc. John Casto and Pvt. Earl Rogers were playing a friendly little game. "Cut out the reveilly," Brandt said, dousing the lights.

Next morning none of the players of the night before was at reveille.

"The CQ said reveilly was out this morning," was their unanimous explanation.

## Nine Million Men Are Now in Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, has released a breakdown of the draft situation in the U. S. which shows that of the 22 million men now registered for the draft, more than nine million are already in the service.

Gen. Hershey's figures, which cover draft registrants between the ages of 18 and 38, follow:

Total living registrants	22,138,000
In the armed forces (inducted)	6,546,000
In the armed forces (enlisted)	2,430,000
Disqualified physically	3,357,000
In process of classification	1,690,000
Occupational deferments	3,824,000
Dependency deferments	4,455,000
Deferred for other reasons	152,000
Unclassified	90,000

Included in the 1,090,000 men now in the process of classification, examination or induction, are 43,000 men who have been found qualified for induction for limited service under present requirements but whose services have not been required by the armed forces as yet, Gen. Hershey said.

Four-fifths of the American Red Cross War Fund is spent on behalf of servicemen.

## Stage Show, Movies For 254th in Field

Entertainment in the field, including a stage show, motion pictures and distribution of a special edition of the regimental newspaper, was provided for men of the 254th Inf. this week.

The CT White athletic and recreation staff, under the direction of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, presented the shows. Under the specific direction of Cpl. Leslie Heath and Pvt. Joe Dolin, the shows were scheduled for the 2d Bn. Tuesday evening, the 3d Bn. Wednesday evening, Cannon and AT Cos. Thursday evening and the 1st Bn. last night. Each evening was declared non-tactical for its particular audience.

Entertainers performed from the back of a 2½-ton truck, and audience participation in the show was stressed. The second half of the show was the showing of the motion picture, "Saturday's Millions," on a specially constructed outdoor screen. Men of the 2d Bn. ran into bad luck Tuesday when a defective projector prevented the showing of the film, but "wrinkles" were smoothed out for successive performances.

A special edition of "Rise and Shine," the regiment's mimeographed newspaper, also was distributed during the field problem.

## Camera First Thought Of Dying Correspondent

ENIWETOK (CNS)—"What happened to my camera?" asked Sgt. John Bushemi, YANK photographer, after he was hit by a blast of Jap mortar fire during the invasion of Eniwetok atoll.

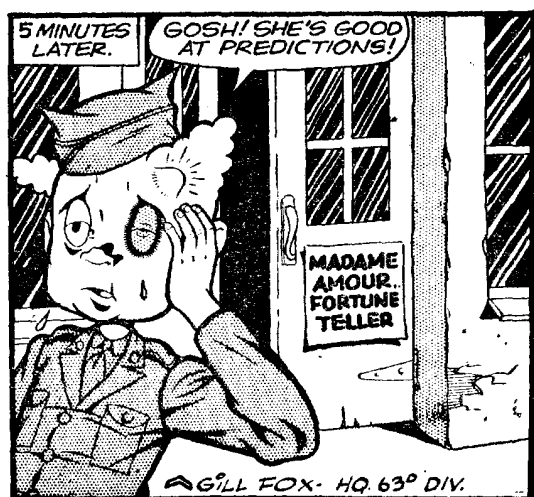
Three hours later, Bushemi was dead; the first YANK correspondent to be killed in action.

Bushemi received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and was one of the first enlisted men assigned to the staff of the Army weekly.

## BERNIE BLOOD

## Bump of Knowledge

## By GILL FOX



AGILL FOX - HQ. 63d DIV.

# Co. H, 254th Inf., Wins Division Court Title



**BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS** of the Division, members of Co. H, 254th Inf., completed an unbeaten season when they downed the 563d Signal Co., 45-24, in the finals of the tournament last Saturday. Kneeling (left to right): Pvt. Lawrence R. Sullivan, Cpl. Leo Haremski, Pvt. John H. Dooley. Standing (left to right): Pfc. Stanley Suwinski, Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, Sgt. Meyer Lebowitz and Sgt. Thomas Coughlin.

## Outclasses 563d Signal Quintet, 45-24, To End Basketball Campaign Unbeaten

**Victors Take Eight Straight Games During Season; Suwinski of Champs Outscores Hutcheson; Lt. Col. Warren Presents Trophy**

Co. H, 254th Inf., took its place with other sports champions of the 63d Div. last Saturday when it whipped the 563d Signal Co., 45-24, to emerge from a three-month-long campaign with the basketball crown.

Steady and capable, this CT White entry concluded the series of tournament eliminations with a decisive triumph, taking a 20-12 lead in the first half and improving its situation appreciably as the game drew to a close.

Undeclared among the 192 teams which participated in the league race and championship play-offs,

Co. H was presented with the championship trophy by Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, Regt. Cmdr., following its victory. The prize was a basketball-bearing the Blood and Fire insignia and embellished with the signatures of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Div. Commander; Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant Div. Commander; Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. Commander, and Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff.

Captained by Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, the champions wound up with a record of eight straight triumphs, winning all their CT White league games as well as their other play-offs with Co. A, 213d Inf., and Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Inf.

The Signamen, runners-up to Co. C 363d Med. Bn., in the Green league competition, were overwhelmed by the quantity as well as quality of the 254th standard-bearer. Their star center, W/O Harold T. Hutcheson, was outscored for the first time this season. Pfc. Stan Suwinski, who was picked for the All-Southern AAU tournament team the previous week, winning that distinction over the former All-Missouri basketballer, Suwinski and Barkowitz both played through the season with the CT White team which tied for the Combat Team league crown, and found worthy running mates on this occasion in Lebowitz, who was the leading scorer, and Duval.

Failure to make a better showing was a keen disappointment to the Signamen who, like their opponents, showed the strain of playing three games in five days. They were outscored from the field, 19 to 12. Moreover, they drew a complete blank at the foul line where Co. H added seven points to its margin of victory.

However, W/O Hutcheson and his mates didn't quit the tournament with empty hands. In addition to receiving the runner-up prize of a basketball similarly inscribed, the beaten finalists had the satisfaction of dealing the 255th Inf.'s Cn. Co. its first athletic defeat since the activation of the 63d Div. The Cannoneers had won 19 consecutive court starts before being put out in the semifinals. Previously they had concluded a football campaign with a string of seven triumphs.

The semifinal and final round lineups:

FINAL ROUND									
Co. H, 254th Inf. (45)					563d Sig. Co. (24)				
G	P	P	G	P	G	P	P	G	P
Barkowitz, f	2	4	8	Oik, f	2	0	4		
Lebowitz, f	5	9	12	Rickard, f	3	0	0		
Coughlin, f	2	0	4	Mitchell, f	3	0	0		
Suwinski, c	5	1	11	Hutcheson, c	4	0	8		
Dooley, g	0	0	0	Chapman, g	0	0	0		
Duval, g	3	1	7	Dix, g	3	0	6		
Sullivan, g	1	0	2	Okoyes, g	0	0	0		
Haremski, g	0	1	1						
Totals 19 7 45					Totals 12 0 24				
SEMIFINAL ROUND									
Co. H, 254th Inf. (41)					3d Bn. Hq. 255th (27)				
G	P	P	G	P	G	P	P	G	P
Barkowitz, f	4	3	11	Trub'shel, f	0	0	0		
Coughlin, f	0	0	0	Papp, f	1	0	2		
Lebowitz, f	0	0	0	Sullivan, f	2	2	6		
Suwinski, c	9	4	23	Short, f	2	1	5		
Haremski, g	0	0	0	Koenig, c	3	0	6		
Dooley, g	0	0	0	Holman, g	1	0	2		
Duval, g	4	0	8	Bryl, g	0	0	0		
				Sh'd'wich, g	3	0	6		
Totals 17 6 41					Totals 12 2 27				

## Blue Ping-Pong Hits Semifinals

Aspirants of the CT Blue ping pong championship carried the issue into the semifinal round this week with top-seeded players performing more or less according to the form sheets.

First to reach the bracket of four was T/5 Alan S. Epstein, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., who accounted for three rivals without loss of a single game. His victims were T/5 Jimmy Fong, Co. E, Pvt. Lester Smallwood, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., and T/5 Ed Fertig, Serv. Co.

Fertig, incidentally, preceded his defeat at the hands of Epstein with a thrilling three-game victory over Pfc. Herman Marks, of Cn. Co., in a second round match. The scores were 23-21, 18-21, 21-12.

The results:  
**FIRST ROUND**  
Jacobson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., defeated Kokalis, Btry. E, 863d F.A., 21-8, 21-7; Priebe, Co. F, defeated Clamon, Co. G, 21-15, 21-14; Epstein, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., defeated Fong, Co. E, 21-14, 21-17; Marks, Cn. Co., defeated Gaynor, Co. M, 21-5, 21-4; Balter, AT Co., defeated Lord, Hq. Co., 23-20, 21-15.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Priebe defeated Cohen, Co. H, 21-18, 14-21, 21-7; Fertig defeated Marks, 23-21, 18-21, 21-12; Balter defeated Stolbach, Medics, 21-9, 21-15; Epstein defeated Smallwood, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 21-19, 21-11.

**THIRD ROUND**  
Epstein defeated Fertig, 21-15, 21-10.

## Volleyball Loop Formed by CT Blue

Four volleyball leagues will start functioning in CT Blue this week in an interesting enterprise which should provide the participants with much enjoyment.

The circuit will comprise the three infantry battalions of the 255th Regt. and the 863d F. A. Bn., with present plans providing for a post-season championship play-off among the winners.

Several innovations will be attempted, one being the optional employment of teams consisting of five to eight men in place of the regulation six-man setup. The schedule is rather informal, with playing time being determined by availability of man-power. Moreover, in the event of inclement weather, the contests will be staged in the CT Blue Rec. Hall.

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## Barnes, Gomelia Defeated In Finals at New Orleans

Although they failed to gain a place among the 10 champions crowned last night, fighters representing the 63d Division gave good accounts of themselves in the All-Servicemen's Boxing Tournament staged at the Coliseum in New Orleans.

The Algiers Naval Station scored 29 points to win the team championship, and the New Orleans

Coast Guard team was second with 18 points. Other point scorers were the Gulfport, Miss., Seabees, 14; Camp Claiborne, 13; 63d Division, 6; and the New Orleans Naval Air Station, 5.

**Lost to Golden Glover**  
Only two Blood and Fire battlers reached the title round. Cpl. George Barnes of Hq. Co., 254th Inf., former intercollegiate champion at Penn State, lost a close decision to Seaman Eddie Horton of the Coast Guard in the 142-pound class. Horton is a former Golden Glover and a boxer of ability.

Pvt. Stanley Gomelia, Co. I, 255th Inf., dropped the duke to Seaman Joseph Conlivi, also of the Coast Guard.

In the preliminary bouts on Wednesday Barnes scored a technical knockout over Nimrod Davis of the Gulfport Seabees in the second round. Barnes displayed his boxing skill in this bout and polished off his foe in short order. Gomelia gained the finals by out-punching Earl Swan of the Seabees in a three-round battle.

**Heenan Loses by KO**  
Other local representatives did not fare so well. In the preliminaries of the 118-pound class on Wednesday, Pvt. Tom Heenan of the 63d lost to Lupe Segura of the Algiers Naval Station, by a technical knockout in the first round.

Nick Pecoraro of Co. G, 255th, lost to Lanny Rourke of the Algiers Station in the 147-pound class, and Pvt. Caesar Kotchokoski of Co. K, 254th, victor in a previous servicemen's tournament, lost to Albert Pradilla of the Gulfport Seabees. James Quigley of Camp Claiborne, decided R. Petteiz of the 63d, and Bob Behaven of the Division lost by a first-round knockout to Henry Misurik of the Gulfport Seabees.



PVT. HAROLD A. GREEN  
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## Green Wins CT Red Ping Pong Diadem

Pvt. Hal Green, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf., swept through five opponents in one night to add the CT Red ping pong championship to an impressive list of honors he previously had won at this sport.

University of Illinois champion and runner-up for the national intercollegiate consolation prize, Green subdued Sgt. Morris Newman, Cn. Co., 253d Inf., 21-19, 24-26, 21-7 and 21-10, to take the crown from a field of 24 company and battery champions at the CT Red Rec. Hall, Tuesday night.

Newman, apparently handicapped by a sore arm, played well, but lacked sufficient skill to top the clever and versatile Green. Hal, whose home is at Buffalo, previously had advanced toward the turne without loss of a single game. His early round victims were Clark, Co. B, 21-19, 21-19; (Continued on Page 7)

## ALL-DIVISION TEAM

Name	Pos.	Company-League
Pfc. Stanley Suwinski	F	Co. H, 254th Inf., CT White
Cpl. Charles Burns	F	Co. A, 363d Med. Bn., Green
W/O Harold E. Hutcheson	C	563d Sig. Co., Green
Cpl. Adolph Bigos	G	Cn. Co., 255th Inf., CT Blue
Pfc. James Koontz	G	Btry. A, 861st F.A. Bn., CT Red

These five basketball players were selected as the finest all-around performers to participate in the 63d Div. championship games by a committee comprising Lt. Bernard L. Levkoff, Lt. Lawson M. Kately, Sgt. Stuart Farmer, T/5 Norman Kies and T/5 Alex Siegal.

If permitted to take the court as a team the combination would boast all the requisites of a high-powered scoring machine. Each is tall and fast and earned his place in the group principally because of his prolific scoring. Chosen as individuals, they all possess the tactical ability which comes under the heading of "ball handling" and is assurance of co-ordinated, clever team play.

## 'Southern Training Out,' Says Mack

FREDERICK, Md.—The death-knell of southern baseball parks as spring training sites for major league clubs was possibly sounded here by Connie Mack recently when the manager of the Athletics said, "Personally, I don't think we'll ever again put in six or seven weeks 'way down South.'"

It was the first day of training for the Philadelphia American League team and rain poured and a chill wind blew. Despite that the 82-year-old manager uttered the belief that war and travel restrictions had taught major league clubs it wasn't necessary to travel to far away camps for training.

"When it comes down to it it's the individual—any player can get into condition in any climate if he decides to do so. I think a pitcher can get into shape in two or three weeks provided he keeps in condition during the winter."

Connie expressed the opinion that most present-day players keep in good physical shape and don't require Southern climates like the players of other days. "No doubt it would be a little better to train in a warmer climate but I can't see that it makes a great difference," he said.

## Blue and White Fives In Title Play Tomorrow

Training schedules permitting, CT's Blue and White will play off their tie for the Combat Team Basketball League championship at Special Troops Rec. Hall, tomorrow evening.

The contestants finished their regular schedules with records of five victories and one defeat, each team having lost only to the other.

CPO Bob Feller still has plenty of smoke on the ball. He recently pitched his team to a 9-0 victory over another Navy nine in a New Hebrides game.

# KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Bandsmen's Role in Combat Is That of Defense Platoon

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The 63d Infantry Division is a complex military organization which combines the work of infantrymen, artillerymen, quartermasters, medics, and other organic and attached troops. This is the third in a series of articles in which BLOOD AND FIRE will attempt to tell the story of the men in different units of the 63d Div.

Few people ever think of a Division Band as a combat unit. Most folks see the bandsmen only at military parades or social functions. Those are the peacetime activities of the band, and they do form an important part of their work during wartime, but there is also another integral part of the army musician's life that is frequently overlooked—his combat training.

The role which the bandsman plays under fire is determined by the commanding officer of the unit to which the band is attached. In the case of the 63d Div. Band, Maj. Gen. Hibbs early determined that the band would act as a defense platoon for the rear echelon troops in time of action, and subsequently a rigorous training program was drawn up which now calls for every afternoon in the field.

**Proficient in Arms**  
The piccolo players, cornetists, and drummers have proven to be good soldiers, too, according to CWO David A. Wright, Division bandmaster. They are qualified 100 per cent with both M1 rifle and carbine, and now are all armed with the latter weapon. They have all run the infiltration, close combat and battle courses under fire, and have had additional special instructions in anti-mine work, scouting and patrolling.

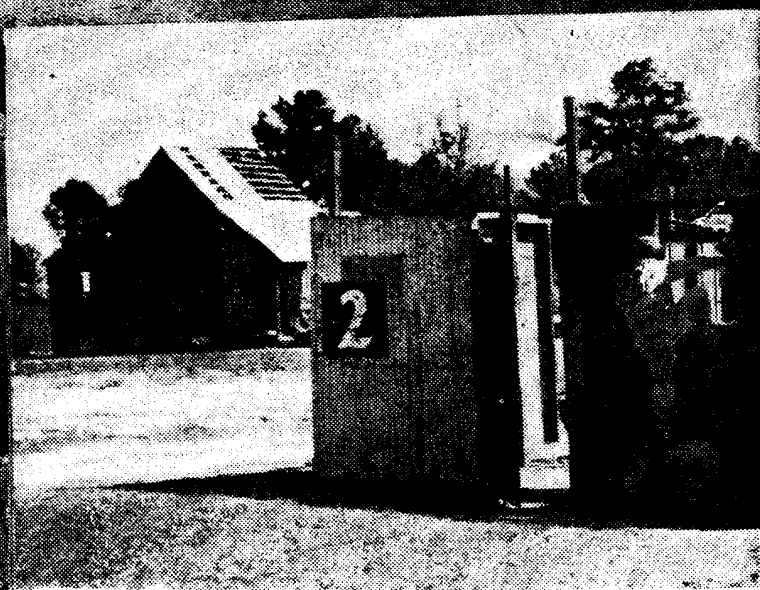
There are 56 enlisted men in the band, all of whom are rated as Pfc or higher, and in addition to CWO Wright, there are WO (j.g.) George H. Nolte and WO (j.g.) Harold S. Polakoff, to oversee the activities of the group. For entertainment purposes there are three division orchestras which play an average of six dances every week.

The Music Makers, a society style band, is led by Sgt. Charles Blue, former New York musician. Pfc. Don Pablo leads a second dance unit, and WO Polakoff heads a new 15-piece string swing band which was well received in its debut last week at the Special Troops dance.

**Devote Mornings to Music**  
The bandsmen sometimes arise at 0530 to play reveille music, and following morning chow they usually devote the entire morning to their music. It is during these sessions that the arranging staff of Pfc. Eddie Shanholtz, T/5 Jose Madera, former arranger for Xavier Cugat, T/5 Ed Dolin, and Pfc. Charlie Jones work out new arrangements for the band.

About 90 per cent of the band were professional musicians prior to induction. They worked in virtually all the major dance bands and in a variety of other musical enterprises ranging from concert players to circus bandsmen. There are also a few who were professional music teachers, and orchestra-

**Write Own Songs**  
Don Pablo's composition, "Mercury Waltz," is a popular favorite found in virtually every juke box. He wrote the piece before entering the Army. Charlie Jones has also written an original piece picturesquely entitled "Pineboard Special," and has made original orchestrations of "I Could Be Wrong," and "Blue Lou" which are frequently requested at dances here. Often the night programs, which take the musicians to Baton Rouge, Natchez, McComb and other nearby towns, keep the men out as late as 0300.



COMBAT BAND is the 63d Division's musical unit whose members are trained to play for parades and concerts or to fight if necessary. The band on parade is shown in the top photo, while its members are shown training at the Nazi Village in the photo at the right. A jam session occupies several bandsmen as shown at the left.

## QM and Ordnance Outfits Observe First Birthday

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Norman E. Cooper, Lewis C. Gattlin, Wilbur B. McCurry, Seymour Rubinfield, and Gaetano J. Triano; T/5s Thomas L. McCall and Hoong M. Wong, and Pfc. William H. Woods.

Also present at Breckinridge at the time of the activation of the Quartermasters, and now with the company, were 1st Lt. Virgil C. Hammelman and 2d Lt. John D. Rodman, company officers, whose orders assigning them to the company were issued on a different day.

**No Celebration This Week**  
Because a number of the original cadre are away from camp at the present time attending school, the QMs and Ordnancemen did not hold any special anniversary ceremony this week. However, plans are being made for anniversary parties upon the return of the men.  
The 763d Light Maintenance Ordnance Company was formed March 17, 1943, at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. from among enlisted men of the Ordnance Replacement Training Center there. The original officers were also assigned to the Division from units already formed at the proving grounds.

Officers of the original cadre of the 763d were: Maj. Frederick C. Johnson, Capt. (now Maj.) Thaxter H. Andruss, 1st Lt. Joseph C. McLean, 2d Lt. William B. Adams, Donald G. Middleton, Louis J. Struensee, Joseph R. Lynn, John A. Jenks and Charles F. Hartsell.

Members of the enlisted men's cadre were: 1st Sgt. Howard L. Montzer, S/Sgts. Jerome P. Stewartson, Morris Rothstein, Morris E. Mason, Charles Halperin, Paul Gick and Stanley D. Crouch; Sgt. Charles H. McCain, Cpls. George A. Wiswell and Myron J. Karaffa; T/3 Mitry Chehardy, Chester A. Dunn, and Joseph Donahue. T/4 Lloyd Baker and Thomas W. Morris; T/5 Mark P. Kemper and Walter J. Smith.

## Service Club No. 2 Plans Swing Sessions

The hepcats and solid senders will have their nights of joy soon with the announcement that Service Club No. 2 will set aside certain nights each week for recordings of swing records at the music room.

## 255th Broadcast Features Bauman

Highlighted by a vocal selection by T/5 Mordecai Bauman, former New York concert and radio artist, and a dramatic reading of the poem, "Bataan," by Sgt. Jerome Shore of Hq. 2d Bn., 255th Inf., the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center at Natchez on Sunday was presented by members of the Athletic and Recreation office of the 255th.

Bauman, who sang, "Water Boy," was one of three singers, heard on the broadcast. Pfc. Marvin Merrill, leader of the 255th orchestra, was the vocalist as the band played "Poinciana" while Pfc. William Schumacher was heard in "River of the Roses."

The orchestra, which was making one of its first appearances outside Camp Van Dorn, played "Surrey with the Fringe on Top," from the Broadway musical, "Oklahoma," and "The Night We Called It a Day."

On Saturday night the 255th's orchestra played for a formal dance at the City Auditorium, at which Military Maids of Ferriday, La., were the hostesses.

Red Cross field directors following Marine landings on Cape Gloucester reached the shore while the forward post was still under fire to distribute cigarets.

## Green Wins Red Ping Pong Crown

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Flynn, Co. A, 21-14, 21-14; Raben, Co. F, 21-16, 28-26, and Rolfe, Co. G, 21-14, 21-12.

Sgt. Newman, erstwhile Fall River, Mass., city champion, bowled over Nelson, Hq. Co., 21-18, 21-17; Rudibaugh, 21-11, 16-21, 21-12, and Nash, Hq. Btry., 861st F. A., 21-14, 21-19, to reach the final.

As a result of his triumph, Pvt. Green will represent CT Red in the prospective 63rd Div. table tennis tournament which probably will be staged in the Redcats' Rec. Hall.

## Resume Postal Service To Italian Provinces

WASHINGTON—The resumption of a limited mail service between the United States and Sicily, Sardinia and 10 Italian provinces occupied by Allied forces was announced by President Roosevelt this week. Mail service between Great Britain and the same parts of Italy was also resumed.

According to the Postmaster General, the service is limited to postcards and personal letters with a maximum weight of two ounces in the United States and 40 grams in Italy. Postage rates remain the same as existed prior to suspension of the service. Registered, and insured mail, postal money orders, air mail and parcel post are excluded from the new service.

### Male Call

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



### Who Threw That Section Eight?



# Visit to McComb

Following a week of hard training in camp and in the field, soldiers of 63d Division hurry away Saturday to nearby communities on week-end pass. Among the most popular spots is McComb, Miss., located 50 miles east of camp. Scenes here show 63d Division men at McComb's Servicemen's Center, where there are games, stationery, Saturday night dancing and doughnuts and coffee on Sunday morning, all free. Mrs. Florence Look, hostess of the club, sews chevrons on sleeve of soldier's blouse in photo at right.



### This One's No Bull

In Italy it would have been beefsteak for dinner, but at Camp Van Dorn it's still red points on the hoof.

Wire Cpl. Charles J. Vicic, A Btry., 863d F. A. Bn., thought it was taking an unusually long time for his men to lay a communications wire to a forward observation post. He contacted T/5 Carl Weller, who couldn't explain the situation. Together they set off after Pvt. Dominic Martosella, who was busily engaged in a one-man cattle roundup. Bossy was placidly munching her mornin' meal when her horns picked up Martosella's wire. Frightened by his yelling and gesturing, she took off into the woods, a half mile of wire dragging behind her. Before the wire was recovered and communications established, the entire wire crew tried their hands at calling "Sooo, Bossy" in a dozen different dialects.

## Calibrating 155s Is Complex Task

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points were on a lateral axis with the firing pieces, and the other two commanded an axial view along the line of fire.

The exact locations of the OPs and pieces were plotted on a firing chart laid out over an aerial photo of the area. Actual firing of the 155s began on Monday.

### Communications Important

Field telephone lines were laid between the gun positions and the OPs, and radio connections were also maintained. At each of the OPs instruments were set up to measure horizontal and vertical variations of the shells.

Each of the howitzers fired five shells which were recorded upon the instruments to determine the "zero" of the piece. After the 60 shells had been fired, the records

of the OPs and fire control center were compared so that proper adjustment of pieces could be made.

It was discovered when the record of this shoot was examined that the 12 guns selected for the trials, all of which are 1913 models which have long been in service, varied as much as 100 yards from their sight settings. This was attributed to the difference in the wear on the individual guns, which has a tendency to increase the size of the breech. As a result of this information, the guns within the three batteries will be re-grouped according to their variations to obtain a greater degree of accuracy when firing by batteries and by battalion.

### See What Happened?

SCOTT FIELD, Ill. (CNS)—Lt. Donald L. Hulcher's plane was grounded here recently, preventing his immediate return to New Mexico where he is based. He went to nearby Carlinville for the evening, married a local girl, and took off for New Mexico the following morning.

## Theater Schedule

### THEATERS 1 AND 2

Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810

- 18 "It Happened Tomorrow," with Dick Powell, Linda Darnell and Jack Oakie.
- 19-20 "Cover Girl," with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly.
- 21 "Hat Check Honey," with Grace McDonald and Leon Errol.
- "Two Men Submarine," with Tom Neal and Ann Savage.
- 22-23 "The Heavenly Body," with William Powell and Hedy Lamarr.
- 24 "The Hour Before Dawn," with Franchot Tone and Veronica Lake.

### THEATER NO. 5

Starting Times—1845

- 19 "Action in Arabia," with George Sanders and Virginia Bruce.
- 20 "It Happened Tomorrow," with Dick Powell, Linda Darnell and Jack Oakie.
- 21-22 "Cover Girl," with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly.
- 23 "Hat Check Honey," with Grace McDonald and Leon Errol.
- "Two Men Submarine," with Tom Neal and Ann Savage.
- Ham Powell, and Hedy Lamarr.
- 24-25 "The Heavenly Body," with Wil-

### Division Sidelights

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veloped the pictures himself and now is displaying them on the bulletin board . . . Notices on the board have taken on an artistic appearance since they began to be drawn by T/5 Ed Fertig, former commercial artist. Fertig and Pfc. Raymond Valente drew up the dayroom orientation program. . . Co. E held a party in its dayroom Monday evening, with dancing and refreshments.

### Glasses Stop Bullet

MAKIN (CNS) — T/Sgt. Mike Thompson, of New York, waded into the battle for Makin with a pair of field glasses slung on the back of his cartridge belt. A few minutes later he reached for the glasses, found they had been shattered by a Jap bullet. Had they not been slung where they were, the bullet would have entered the base of his spine.

### Eddie Cantor Seeks Typical Serviceman

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—A world wide search for America's most typical GI has been launched by Eddie Cantor on his radio program. Cantor has deposited \$5,000 in trust for the serviceman who best typifies the American fighting man, and wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts of soldiers are invited to send letters and pictures of their candidates.

### Answer to Puzzle on Page 2

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