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Two-Day Meeting Promises Better Division Shows

300 Attend Conference Sponsored by 4th Service Command

A promise of more and better stage entertainment, particularly when the Blood and Fire goes into the field, was held out today as representatives of various Special Services offices concluded the two-day Soldier Show Conference sponsored by the 4th Service Command.

Approximately 300 men and women representing the 63d Div. Special Services Office, regimental and battalion recreation offices, and the WAC Det. and other units of non-divisional troops in camp attended the conference in Theater No. 1 Thursday and Friday.

Improvisation Stressed
Simplicity and improvisation were stressed by the group conducting the conference, the aim of which was to help soldiers give better soldier shows, particularly under field conditions. A team of five officers from the Special Services Division, ASP, showed the delegates how to produce stage and radio shows with a minimum of equipment and costuming and how

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Prisoners of War Working in Camp

Precasting concrete, repairing shoes, carpentry projects, motor maintenance and other jobs not directly beneficial to the American war effort are now being done by several hundred German war prisoners who arrived at Camp Van Dorn last week from another prisoner of war camp in this area. The prisoners will work only on the camp reservation and will not be "farmed out" in any way to work for civilians.

The PWs are housed in a special area which is "off limits" to all American military personnel except those entering the area on official business. Any place where the PWs are working will also be "off limits" to American military personnel.

Army Cooks Used Rifles Not Skillets in Islands

You've probably read how combat looked through the eyes of the riflemen, medics, cannoners and other servicemen. Now, along comes T/5 John J. Doty to add a cook's perspective of war at close range.

Doty is proof of the fact a soldier, regardless of the work for which his training specifically qualified him, must be able to undertake a mess of other jobs. This cook at Co. M, 254th Inf., saw more than one doughboy with 060 for a Military Specialty Number toting a rifle, a stretcher or ammunition toward the front.

Toted an M-1

And, before a third siege of malaria necessitated his being invalided from the South Pacific last fall, the 28-year-old veteran from Winstead, Conn., also packed an M-1 up to the firing line.

"More than once we landed stoves on the beaches of the Solomon, New Britain and Russell islands and never got to use them. We were all too concerned with those old standbys, 'cover and concealment' from aerial and ground attacks, and furthering our inva-



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Lt. Gen. William L. Simpson

Salute Mandatory

The salute, properly executed at all times, is a mark of a well trained military organization, Lt. Gen. William L. Simpson, commanding general of the 4th Army, said this week while on a routine inspection of the Blood and Fire Division.

Gen. Simpson said that while in North Africa he observed men of the 1st Div. saluting even under combat conditions in the field, and commented that their exchange of salutes marked a well disciplined division.

Although the salute formerly was not rendered or returned under combat or tactical conditions, regulations have been changed and it now should be given except when obviously impractical.

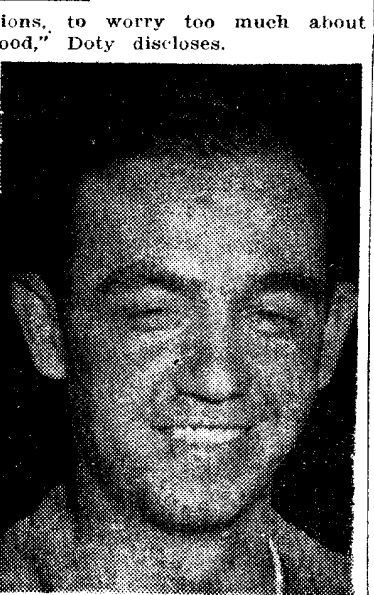
Gen. Simpson's inspection lasted from Tuesday evening to Wednesday afternoon. He declared himself "well pleased" with the training progress of the 63d Div.

'Henry VIII' Is Feature For Saturday Niter

One of the outstanding dramatic film productions of recent years, "The Private Lives of Henry VIII," will be the feature of the Saturday Niter program at CT White Rec. Hall tonight.

The picture stars Charles Laughton in the title role.

The program is scheduled to start at 1930, and there is no admission charge.



T 5 John J. Doty

"We had more than one field kitchen blown galley-west on the (Continued on Page 5)

Infantry Is Still The Time-Proven Queen of Battles

"With the dirt behind their ears. They can whip their weight in wildcats. And drink their weight in beers: The cavalry, the artillery, the lousy engineers— They couldn't lick the infantry in a hundred, thousand years."

Yes, there have been many changes made. They looked at the Blitz in Poland and the Blitz in France and decided that the infantry was only the scrub team that came in to carry on where the tanks and planes left off.

For a long time nobody glamorized the infantryman. But he didn't gripe about the air force, the paratroopers and the tankmen getting all the publicity. Not all the time he didn't.

Mud, Dust, Hikes

That foot slogger was too busy squawking about the food, the mud, the dust, the long hikes and the short breaks.

But there are other changes, too. Today they are raiding and pilfering the prima donna organizations to again make her what she was—the queen of battles. The favorites of past hours are getting less attention now because they have found the infantry has to do all the things the specialists have to do, and then some.

The latest evidence that the Queen still lives was the recent announcement that 36,000 ground forces and service command soldiers who had qualified for flight training were now being transferred back to their old organizations.

Always at the Front

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding the Army Ground forces, and a recent visitor to the 63d Div., put it this way in an Associated Press article:

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Hq. Co., 255th Wins Praise for Record

"A real asset to the regiment and to the team" was the accolade recently bestowed on Hq. and Hq. Co., of the 255th Inf., by Regimental Commander, Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, for its record of no AWOL's since the Division was activated, June 15, 1943.

Col. Tombaugh wrote: "The Regimental Commander commends the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Hq. and Hq. Co. for its excellent showing. It is this devotion to his job during a rigorous training schedule that develops the true combat soldier and makes an organization a real asset to the Regiment and to the team."

1st Lt. Roy R. May, Jr. commands Hq. and Hq. Co. Lt. May credits his unit's record to the exemplary guidance of his non-commissioned officers, as well as to the high personal standards and allegiance to duty of the men themselves.

Gen. Harris Praises Engineers on Problem

Personal instruction from Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, proved helpful in training men of the 263d Engineers in infantry tactics last week.

Men of the battalion witnessed a demonstration of a platoon in the attack presented by members of Company C under the command of Lt. Louis Koblick, Jr., which the general declared to be as efficiently carried out as any infantry platoon could have done.

Training Group Formed For 63d's Replacements

Maj. Frank B. Farr Heads New Organization Which Includes Many Former ASTP Students; Outfit Will Be Given Short Basic Instruction

A Replacement Training Group has been established as part of the 63d Division to train new filler replacements for openings in the Division. The group, comprising three battalions of new soldiers, is housed in an old infantry regimental training area southeast of the area occupied by Combat Team Blue. Maj. Frank B. Farr, former head of the Provisional Training Detachment, will be head of the RTG.

Since most of the new fillers will ultimately be used in rifle companies of the three regiments, considerable stress will be made on the use of individual weapons during the "short basic" which the men will receive. A cadre of of-

Veteran of War Leads 254th Outfit

Lt. Col. J. E. Hatcher, marine veteran of World War I and former Third Army executive officer, assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 253d Inf., Tuesday, succeeding Maj. William P. Keane.

While serving with the 6th Marine Brigade of the 2d Army in 1917, Col. Hatcher saw action at Soissons, Belleau Wood, Champagne-Argonne, St. Mihiel and was in the trenches at Verdun. His service ribbons bear two silver and five bronze stars.

Returning to civilian life after the war Col. Hatcher earned an LL.B. degree at Benjamin Harrison Law School in Indianapolis, Ind., but he returned to government service when he became chief of the Investigation Division of the U. S. Civil Service Commission in 1940. As personnel director of the Commission Col. Hatcher served on President Roosevelt's Council on Personnel Administration.

Recalled to active duty in May, 1941, the Colonel commanded the 367th Inf., a Negro outfit at Camp Claiborne, La. This regiment was redesignated as the 364th and was stationed at Camp Van Dorn. Previously, however, it served as a border patrol in Western Arizona supervising Jap cotton pickers. In July Col. Hatcher was named executive officer of the 125th Hq. Special Troops of the Third Army. His next move was to the 63d Division.

Libraries Promote China Book Week

China Book week which starts today throughout Army camps will be observed by libraries of Camp Van Dorn with special displays of literature on China and the Chinese Republic.

At a time when the Chinese and American peoples are fighting together in many parts of the world and when the people in this country are eager to learn more about their Chinese ally, the libraries will be helping to promote this knowledge during the current week.

The material on hand at the post libraries is varied and readers may learn about China's seven years' war against Japan, about the Generalissimo and his remarkable wife, about the Chinese army and the Chinese communists. In addition to these current writings there remains important fundamental reading concerning Chinese art, history, and philosophy.

Because it is believed that post-war China will grow to be one of the great powers in the world, and because China is a gallant ally of ours, the Office of War Information has designated the next seven days to be devoted to promoting a knowledge of the country among members of the armed forces.



Maj. Frank B. Farr

Officers and men from Division units has already begun the training of the fillers.

With the opening of the RTG, the 63d Division receives its first mass shipment of ASTP students which will bring to the Division a number of young fighting men on top rating who have recently been released from colleges under the War Department's plan to release large groups of ASTP students for combat service. These men are chiefly between the ages of 18 and 22.

Assisting Maj. Farr as executive officer of the RTG is Maj. Henry D. Reed, 254th Inf.; Lt. Anton P. Albers, Jr., 863d F. A., who is S-1; Capt. Angelo E. Pilla, 253d Inf., S-3, and CWO George M. Matthews, 718th F. A. Bn., S-4. WOJG William Arket, 253d Inf., is personnel officer and battalion commanders will be Capt. Charles P. Crooks, 254th Inf.; Capt. Erastus W. Ross, Jr., 255th Inf.; and Capt. Cyrus Larmoyeux, 253d Inf.; Capt. Michael Ritota, 263d Med. Bn., will be surgeon of the group.

The following first lieutenants have been named commanding officers of the eleven RTG companies, which will be numbered consecutively instead of lettered as in infantry regiments.

Co. 1, Lt. Joseph O. Stites, 718th F. A. Bn.; Co. 2, Lt. Charles Young, 253d Inf.; Co. 3, Lt. John E. Wilson, 253d Inf.; Co. 4, Lt. Max Semel, 254th Inf.; Co. 5, Lt. Thomas E. Tiffin, 253d Inf.; Co. 6, Lt. R. S. Lingerfeldt, 255th Inf.; Co. 7, Lt. O. H. Dillworth, 254th Inf.; Co. 8, Lt. Francis J. Gaffney, 253d Inf.; Co. 9, Lt. Henry E. Matthews, 253d Inf.; Co. 10, Lt. Frank R. Wells, 253d Inf.; Co. 11, Lt. George E. Elliott.

The early part of this week was passed chiefly in routine immunization and physical examinations. A branch PX has been opened in the area and battalion orientation exhibits will be opened in the day rooms.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: The Rifleman—backbone of the ground forces Is the rugged and least appreciated soldier

This article is one of a series of similar articles prepared by the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE so that men of different units in the 63d Division may know what other Division soldiers are doing. Later articles in the series will deal with the team-served weapons in the Infantry, and with other weapons used by these men.

Backbone of the infantry division and the entire structure of the Army Ground Forces are the riflemen, upon whose shoulders lie the principal mission of our ground forces in combat. The infantry is the arm of close combat, and the rifleman, with their M1 rifles, bayonets, and grenades, are the rugged Americans who must take the enemy's ground away from him and keep it.

The 63d Division riflemen represent a good cross-section of the nation. Although men from New York and the Northeastern states are predominant in the Division, there are also large groups from Washington, Oregon, California and other Western states plus a smattering from nearly every other state in the Union.

A number of the men are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, and they are as rugged as the 18-year-olds who have come fresh from high schools and farms. The day and night training carried on by the line outfits has made the men long, lean and mean, for the doughboy must be in the best possible physical condition when he meets the enemy.

Have Superior Weapons

The infantryman has the best individual combat weapon in use in this war—the U. S. Rifle, Cal. 30, M1—which since the beginning of the war has supplanted the older Model 1903 (Springfield) rifle.

The M1 is a gas operated, semi-automatic shoulder weapon, and has considerable more firepower than any of the rifles used by the enemy. His piece is the rifleman's best friend, and from the moment it is issued to him he must care for it constantly by oiling and cleaning its parts so that it will always be in perfect firing order.

One of the most important phases of training for the individual rifleman is in the use of his weapon and long hours of "dry firing" occupies his time before a rifleman ever sees a target range. These exercises are to insure the fact that the soldier may be able to properly fire his piece and get from it the maximum results. Adjustment of the sling, the perfect sight picture, the proper manner of breathing and the all-important trigger squeeze are stressed time and again in practice.

Once a soldier masters the M1 and qualifies as marksman or better, he is given a familiarization

course in other weapons—Browning Automatic Rifles are fired by some, carbines, pistols, bazookas, grenade launchers and others. But the M1 rifle is the basic offensive weapon of the infantryman.

Firing at fixed targets at known distances is followed by a transition course on which are several life-size silhouette targets placed at various ranges unknown to the rifleman. He must also qualify on this course before continuing his training with his weapon.

Riflemen Under Fire

Having mastered the technique of his weapon, the rifleman is considered ready for combat training. This is his baptism of fire—the famed infiltration course—where he crawls through mud, under barbed wire entanglements while machine gun bullets whiz overhead. To make it more realistic the men fire at silhouette targets situated on a hill to the front. Explosive charges are also set off while the men crawl towards their objective, in order to condition them to actual combat conditions.

The infiltration course and close combat course which follows, give the soldiers confidence in the ability of their fellow riflemen to hit their targets from behind them without riddling them with bullets. On the close combat course targets pop up in front of the squad while it is proceeding over broken terrain in formation. Upon the appearance of these targets every member of the squad hits the ground and starts firing at the target—the slugs from the pieces being fired by men in the rear pass over the heads of the forward members of the squad by a matter of inches.

The taking of the "Nazi Village" is another phase of the training of the infantryman. A group of buildings containing targets must be assaulted properly by squads of riflemen. The soldiers are taught the



proper manner in which to make a reconnaissance of the village and how to run from building to building down a street taking advantage of protection afforded by the walls of the houses. BAR and machine gun fire and exploding bombs within the houses makes this an interesting and realistic battle problem.

Physical Ability Stressed

Since the rifleman will probably have to walk wherever he goes into the war zone, considerable stress is placed on the physical ability of the individual soldier, and speed marches are a daily routine in the doughboy's life.

During the early training phases there were obstacle courses designed to whittle down obese stomachs and bayonet drills, calisthenics and marching to toughen up legs and arms and give the individuals increased windage, which is important on long marches when the doughboy relies on his "second wind" to carry him through to his objective.

In preparation for the day when the outfit will move into a theatre of action, the men have been passing considerable time under canvas in the field, living in bivouac under closely simulated war conditions.

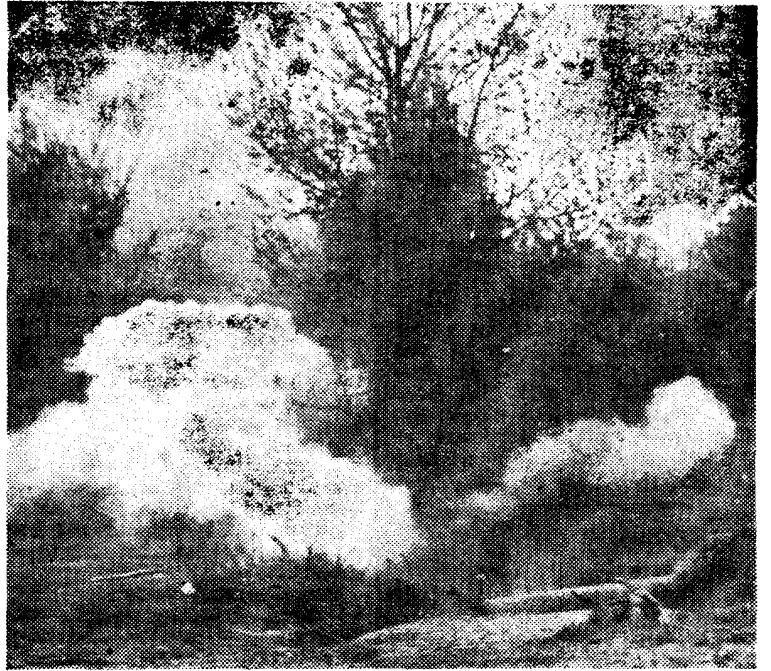
Typical Day in the Field

A typical day for a 63d Division rifleman begins at about 0400 when he is awakened by whistle or bugle. Dressing quickly and eating a breakfast prepared outside and eaten under combat conditions, he gets ready to move out to a training area, which might be 10 miles or so from the camp. The march is done at quick cadence.

Upon arrival at the training area the men pitch their tents, camouflage them and dig their fox holes. Then the company officers outline the problem at hand—possibly the "enemy" is approaching over a ridge of low hills some two miles away and the company has been ordered to infiltrate behind the enemy and surprise him from the rear, or possibly it is the enemy who is infiltrating and the riflemen must be alert for defensive action. Frequently these problems last until long after dark before the objective is achieved. When the problem is through and the officers have critiqued the results, the men are ready for evening chow. The meal is served under strict combat conditions, which call for blackout, no loud talking, and serving of chow from marmite cans carried by platoon carrying parties. There is no bunching up of the men.

Following chow the men usually turn in for the night, hoping for several hours sleep, as there are important night tasks which the men must perform such as guard and outpost duty, and sometimes there are only a few winks of sleep before the rifleman is again summoned to duty.

During the night there are "attacks" by the Ranger Platoon and though specific instructions are given for the men to avoid physical contact, considerable anxiety is stirred up when they toss firecrackers into the tent area and mark up tents in chalk to show that they have infiltrated the lines.



BACKBONE of the attack is the infantry which seizes and holds the ground. The two photos show infantrymen advancing across rugged ground. At right of bottom photo, a rifleman may be seen ready to fire, while an explosion shatters a large tree. Top photo shows rifle squad continuing the advance, while at the left on the ground lies the tree following the explosion.

Crossword Puzzle

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

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Manufacture
 - 5. Fail to qualify with your weapon
 - 9. Distant
 - 12. A melody
 - 13. Russian mountains
 - 14. Indian
 - 15. Smaller amount
 - 16. Gave
 - 18. Had a particular flavor
 - 20. Small secluded valley
 - 21. Always
 - 23. A slip-knot
 - 26. Army wash rooms
 - 30. Void
 - 31. On the right (abbr.)
 - 32. Shorts
 - 34. Dried tree sap
 - 35. Cleaning agent
 - 37. The game of checkers
 - 39. Simple mountains
 - 41. Agile
 - 42. Latvian
 - 44. Iran
 - 48. Saw for removing a disk of bone from the skull
 - 51. An iota
 - 52. Rowing implement
 - 53. Turkish official
 - 54. Yugoslav partisan leader
 - 55. Navy rank (abbr.)
 - 56. Allows
 - 57. Ages
 - DOWN**
 - 1. Grain germinated by heat
 - 2. Region as farthes
 - 3. Osculate
 - 4. Spring festival season
 - 5. Overloaded
 - 6. Native metal
 - 7. Come ashore
 - 8. Of old times
 - 9. Seven day dream period
 - 10. Consumed
 - 11. Russian
 - 17. East longitude (abbr.)
 - 19. Bad
 - 22. Brings up
 - 24. Female bitch
 - 25. Shade trees
 - 26. Failure
 - 27. On top of
 - 28. Toward vehicles
 - 29. Those who snap as farthes
 - 33. Certain
 - 36. Preposition (abbr.)
 - 38. Rotate in a spiral
 - 40. Girls' home
 - 43. Period
 - 45. Mix
 - 46. Smallest portion
 - 47. Book of the Bible
 - 48. Pedal digit
 - 49. Dashed away
 - 50. A small speck

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255th Soldier-Artist Wins Prize in Contest

Word was received this week from Palm Beach, Fla. that second prize for oil paintings in a nationwide Soldier-Artist competition has been awarded Pvt. Ulfert Wilke,

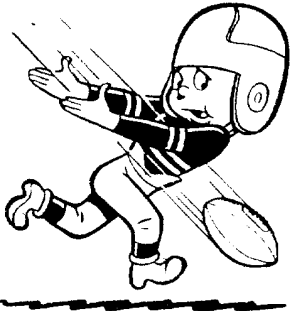
Hq. and Hq. Co., 255 Inf., for his interpretation of "Vultures Embraced by Wind." The picture was one of several which Pvt. Wilke exhibited at Service Club No. 2 last fall. He was formerly staff artist of BLOOD AND FIRE. His recent duties have included the interior decoration of the CT Blue Officers' Mess.

The Wolf by Sansone



TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I wonder why it is that most of us like to do easy things the hard way. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred there is a simple solution to a tactical problem which would work fine. But, will we use it? Hell, no! We've just got to make it complicated. We have all seen football teams with a lot of razzle-dazzle plays which look



fine but fail to gain ground because some member of the team always gets his signals or feet twisted up. You can see the same thing any day out in the field here in the Division.

My tip is that you draw up your

plans and orders with the idea in mind they must be so simple that the dumbest man in the squad can understand them, and then you can't go wrong. I have heard tell of a certain Yankee General in the Civil War who took a dumb guy around with him on his staff. He would read all orders to him before issuing them. The General's thought was that if his "five-by-five" could understand them, everybody else would. This may sound goofy, but in my opinion that General was sure aiming in the right direction.

I'd be the last chap in the world to say that maps are not important. We've got to have them and we must know how to use them, but at best a map is just a piece of paper and a damned poor substitute for old dame nature herself. The other day I saw the commander of an outfit get his leaders together around a map and issue his order. They were on top



WELL THE MAP SAYS THERE'S A HILL HERE

of a hill from where every bit of the ground he was talking about could be seen. I kept waiting for him to get around to referring to it, but he never did. Take a tip from me: Use that old ground when you can. No map can take the place of it and use the two together whenever possible.

Tin Pan Alley

The 253d Inf. has developed a Tin Pan Alley all its own. This was disclosed Friday night, March 17, when the regimental orchestra presented for the first time a new song, "Mystery," an original composition by S-Sgt. Howard McVey of Co. K.

The idea for the song occurred to Sgt. McVey several months ago, but lack of time and experience in arranging music had to be overcome. The sergeant wrote the song in manuscript form and brought it to a band rehearsal. Pfc. Johnny Abate, the band's guitarist, having had experience as an arranger, took the tune and despite handicaps developed the arrangement played by the band Friday.

Goldbergers Return From Wedding Trip

Lt. Richard K. Goldberger, Btry. A, 862d F. A., and his bride, the former Miss Joan Benjamin, of Baton Rouge, have returned from a wedding trip to New York and are making their home in Woodville. Mrs. Goldberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Benjamin, of Baton Rouge, was married to the lieutenant at her home March 8. She is a recent graduate of Louisiana State University.

Soda Pop Dealer Who Served 63d Gets New Post

Because the American soldier is the world's greatest soft drink consumer, the "pop" trucks follow the troops as closely as they can.

A. L. (Pon) Lippett has been furnishing cold drinks to men of the Blood and Fire Division ever since it came to Camp Van Dorn. His work combines some of the best, or worst, features of the jobs of supply sergeant and mess sergeant. Through mud and brush and sand, by day and night, he has trucked cold drinks to thirsty GIs in the field and in garrison since pre-Pearl Harbor days and has made a very successful thing of it.

To Serve Air Base

Lippett, manager of the Centreville bottling plant of the Coca-Cola company, is leaving today to manage the branch at Hammond, La., where he will serve men of the Hammond Air Base.

He has been with the company since 1921. In 1940 he was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., and he has accompanied troops a half dozen divisions and corps artillery units on maneuvers and field exercises.

He came to Centreville and Camp Van Dorn in September, 1942. A veteran of World War I, his interest in soldiers as well as his own product led him to bring Will Osborne and his band here last November.

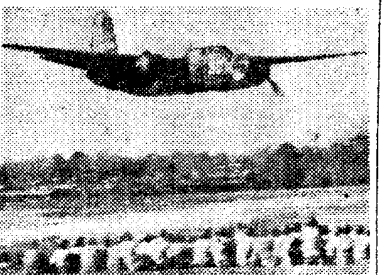
"Our supply problems in the field are pretty much like those of the Army," Lippett said. "Once with the 31st Div. we had 800 cases for delivery when the outfit got a sudden change of orders. We deposited the cases 10 miles from the outfit's new location and, at midnight, hauled the bottles a total of 65 miles in several trips."

Highest Per Capita

Lippett said Camp Van Dorn has one of the highest per capita of Coca-Cola in the country, averaging two bottles per man per day. Peak hot weather consumption here requires importation from Baton Rouge of a carload and four large truckloads a day.

New Camp Van Dorn customers for the products are the German Prisoners of War, recently installed here, Lippett said. They will be able to buy bottled drinks at their own PX.

"Coke" is nothing new to the Germans," he said. "They call it 'American whisky' and in peacetime we served more than 100,000 gallons a year in Berlin alone."



NO MARAUDER is this A-20 bomber. Last week BLOOD AND FIRE was erroneously informed that this was a B-26 (Marauder) flying low over heads of Division men in aircraft identification exercise here. Note position of the engine nacelles, which drag far behind the wing. Though the two planes look similar, the B-26 nacelles stick out well in front of the wing.

London's antiaircraft guns fire such blasts that they knock the locks off the doors of control rooms.

Treaty Violations by Japs Told by Former Patrolman

Anyone who gave the Japs half a chance at one thing or another should have been classed as a genuine, 14-carat sucker if one is to base his opinion on Pfc. Frank R. Laughlin's experience with them. Laughlin patrolled Alaskan wa-

terways in the service of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries and apparently the double-dealing interpretation the Nips gave to hunting and fishing treaties shouldn't have made us very much surprised that certain things did take place on December 7.

Used Spawning Grounds

"The Japs are treacherous by nature," Laughlin says. "After the United States, Great Britain and Japan signed a treaty governing the salmon haul, it was forbidden to stretch nets at the mouth of any river whose upstream shallows were used by the salmon for their spawning grounds."

"The treaty stipulated that the nets were to be put at least 300 yards from the river mouth, but the Japs invariably would sneak in and stretch them where the fish didn't have a chance to escape. Thus, they not only took the fish, but prevented millions of eggs from hatching. The salmon industry would have been destroyed if we hadn't been on guard constantly."

The seal rookery on the Pribilof Islands was another place where the Japs had to be watched. A treaty between the Powers defined the conditions under which seals might be killed for their furs. Every year the Japs would go in a month or six weeks ahead of other hunters, and destroy the animals by the thousands.

Patrolled Alaska Coast.

Laughlin spent approximately three weeks of every month aboard one of the boats patrolling the Alaska coast. The other week, he and his co-workers hunted predatory animals, such as wolves and wolverines, which prey on more valuable wild life. Their favorite pet was a fresh-water otter, Marinaska, which exhibited a remarkable intelligence.

Leaving Alaska in 1935, Laughlin settled in Memphis, becoming regional manager and distributor for a nationally-known beer company owned by his mother's family. An uncle, Vice Adm. Arthur B. Cook, is commander of the Mediterranean sea frontier for the United States Navy.

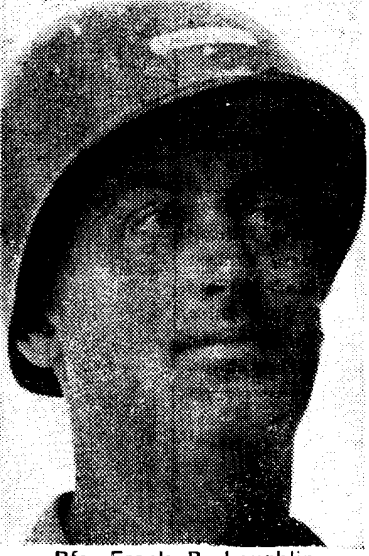
An amusing coincidence gives Laughlin a chuckle now. When Camp Van Dorn was opened, he sold one of the first carloads of beer to the Post Exchange. Exactly a year later, he was back at Van Dorn as a private, still interested in beer.

Faulty Navigation

In the intervening year, another amusing thing had happened. Laughlin applied for and received an appointment as Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy. He attended school and did well in everything except navigation.

"On one of the tests to determine my career in the service," Laughlin said, "I charted my course and made a paper voyage that landed me right smack in the middle of Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Navy informed me politely, but firmly, that it was interested in getting to Alaska, (where I apparently was headed) but they preferred a different route."

"So here I am, in the infantry." Born in Evansville, Ind., 35 years ago, Laughlin attended Westminster school, Simsbury Conn.; Asheville school for boys, Asheville, N. C.; the Park school, Indianapolis, and the University of the South (Sevanec), from which he graduate with a B.S. degree in forestry engineering. He immediately went to work for a Canadian paper company at Grand Mere, Quebec, as a reforestation man. An appointment to the Alaskan post followed.



Pfc. Frank R. Laughlin

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 1990.
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1000.
Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1990.
Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 1100.
Chapel No. 4, Lutheran Communion Service, 1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Evening
Chapel No. 6, Concert Hour, 1530.
Co. A Day Room, 253d Engr. Bn., 1815.
Weekday Services
Chapel No. 5, Lenten Services, 1909.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**
Sunday
Chapels No. 5, 10, 1990.
Theater No. 5, 0900.
Theater No. 1, 1430.
Chapel No. 10, 1100.
- Evening Services**
Chapel No. 5, Monday (Novena), Miscellaneous Medal, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1700.
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Chapel No. 5, Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Friday, Stations of the Cross, 1930.
Chapel No. 5, Confessions, Saturday, 1930-2000.
Chapel No. 10, Confessions, Saturday, 1000-2100.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
Station Hospital, 1830.
Chapel No. 7, 2000.
Sunday
Chapel No. 9, 1000.
- MORMON SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel No. 8, 1400.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**
Sunday
Chapel No. 1, 1100.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
Friday
Chapel No. 11, 1930.

Hail! Hail!

Hailstones as big as your fist. Yessir, that's what fell on Camp Van Dorn last Wednesday as a succession of thunder and lightning storms hit this section. The hail pelted down around 4:30 in the afternoon and apparently fell only in certain parts of the camp. Soldiers in the eastern part of camp reported that the stones bounced off the roofs of buildings like the shot off the side of the battleship Monitor. In other sections of camp there was no indication of hail, just rain, rain, and more rain.

Infantry Is Still Queen of Battles

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"The ever-present front lines are simply where the infantry is. It is true that he is supported magnificently by artillery and air but this support is behind and above. There is nothing in front of him but the enemy.

"... Today the infantry numbers less than one-fifth of our Army. Proportionately its losses thus far have been several times those of any other arm... he endures the greater hardships, he gets more tired. He sleeps less and he eats when and what he can..."

"The infantry measures our progress along the road to victory. So long as the enemy's infantry holds, the enemy himself is unbeaten and the war is not won. The only force that can break the hostile infantry is our own infantry.

"Victories are won by men with brains and fighting hearts, not by machines."

The old order changeth? Remember? "... they couldn't lick the infantry in a hundred thousand years."

Air Express Started Between U. S. and India

WASHINGTON—A new service by the Air Transport Command has just been established in a three-and-a-half-day regular scheduled air express between the United States and India, delivering war supplies for the forces of Lt. Gen. Joseph P. Stilwell.

The service, dubbed the "Cannonball," sees planes take off from Florida day and night on split-second schedule. Their route takes them near the Amazon, the Gold Coast and the Nile, from which the route stretches to a North Indian port.



255th Doughboy Submits Sketches

Pvt. Robert J. Riggs, Jr., Co. I, 255th Infantry, uses his ten-minute breaks during training to further his practical knowledge of a hobby which he expects to develop into a career after the war. The 20-year-old soldier makes pencil sketches of his buddies and their frolics and work.

Following a suggestion by BLOOD & FIRE that talented men in the Division submit samples of their art, Pvt. Riggs sent in three drawings which, he later said, were done in a hurry and with practically no tools of the artist, but they drew comments of praise from several who saw them.

Pvt. Riggs, whose home is in Metamoras, Penn., had three years of art instruction in high school



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EDITORIAL

GALLANT ALLY

The libraries of Camp Van Dorn today started the observation of China Book Week by presenting displays of books and literature dealing with China and the Chinese. This is being done in accordance with a request from the Office of War Information that people in the armed forces be made familiar with the background history of this gallant member of the United Nations.

Men of the 63d Division have seen motion pictures about the enemies of the United Nations; they have heard lectures on "Know Your Enemies" so that they are pretty well acquainted with the aims and objectives of Germany and Japan.

To a lesser degree, perhaps, the soldiers have been told about their allies. China is perhaps the least understood by most men in the armed forces. They know she has been fighting Japan since long before we entered the struggle and they admire the Chinese for their brave stand against superior odds, but that is about all.

China Book Week provides a real opportunity for soldiers to read about their ally the Chinese, about their literature, and their culture, and about the struggle they have been waging against Japan. It is good to know our enemies, but it is also good to know our friends and what they are fighting for.

SOLDIER SHOWS

Gen. Pershing is credited with having said, "Give me 1,000 men who are entertained rather than 10,000 who have had no entertainment."

For the last two days a team of theatrical advisers from the Special Service Division of the Army Service Force has been here, conferring with Division and camp special service personnel on how best to entertain soldiers, particularly in the field.

Soldier shows not only utilize the men's spare time and provide entertainment, it was pointed out, but they are sugar-coated pills—they develop combat efficiency by promoting self-confidence, leadership and co-operation.

It was pointed out that motion pictures and other entertainment may suffice in garrison and in nearby towns, but that in the field soldiers soon resort to improvisations of their own to present stage shows. In this work they will be helped by better-trained special services officers and enlisted personnel.

There is a small group of talented soldiers in the 63d Div. which already has made appearances in the various rec. halls, and there are others who have remained aloof heretofore. From the whole Division more and better shows may be expected in the future.

San Francisco boosters have decided that their city should be the capital of world trade on the Pacific after the war. Among the projects decided on is a free port. Special attention is to be given to cultivation of Latin-American business.

An aviator says that the barking of a dog can be heard four miles up. And we know the dog!

Germany started out to lick the world, but is going to get no further than its boots.



News from Here and There

Improved Spitfire Is Built by British

LONDON (CSN)—A new edition of the Spitfire, the world's most famous fighter plane, has been developed by the British. The new Spitfire is equipped with an improved Rolls-Royce engine, called a marvel of compactness, whose dimensions and cylinder arrangements are similar to those used in Sir Malcolm Campbell's record breaking "Bluebird" automobile.

New Yorker Survives Reported Killings

NEW YORK (CSN)—Julius Katz, of New York, has been getting a lot of news about his brother, Cpl. Werner Katz, lately—all of it confusing.

One day recently Mr. Katz read in the newspapers that brother Werner had killed the first Jap in a new American thrust into northern Burma. A day later came a telegram from the War department saying that Werner had been killed in action. A day after that came a letter from the WD, confirming the telegram.

A couple of days later good news arrived. The WD telephoned Mr. Katz, informing him that his brother had not been killed after all and the next day a WD letter arrived, confirming the telephone call.

Non-Coms Demoted For Selling Passes

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA. (CNS)—A group of non-commissioned officers stationed at the New Cumberland induction center have been broken in rank for selling week end passes to greenhorn inductees. The non-coms, according to a post spokesman, took advantage of the recruits' ignorance of post rules, which permit them a week-end pass seven days after induction.

Kelly One-Man Army Gets Medal of Honor

ITALY (CNS)—No. 1 Hero of the Italian campaign—to date—is T/Sgt. Charles E. Kelly of Pittsburgh, who has received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary achievements in action.

Kelly fought at San Pietro, Cassino and in the Rapido river crossing. He's had 70 days of active combat and is credited with killing at least 40 Germans. But his biggest day was last September 13—near Altavilla.

On that date he established the position of the enemy by crawling through sniper, mortar and artillery fire, then worked with another patrol which he "assisted materially" until he ran out of ammunition. The next morning Kelly peppered an enemy advance

with rifle, mortar and bazooka fire until his unit had a chance to withdraw. His wounds during this action consisted of a skinned nose and some small cuts on his hands—from shell fragments.

Old Salt Buys Pub For Own Pleasure

NEW YORK—A barnacle-studded old salt, retiring after 30 years in the Navy, decided that the best way to pass his fading years was to buy a saloon in New York.

He bought an old tavern, boarded it up and began to paint and redecorate it. After a week had passed, residents of the area gathered outside and knocked on the door.

"When are you going to open up?" their spokesman asked. "We'd like to patronize your place."

"Open up!" the old sailor hollered. "I'll never open up. I bought this place for myself."

Jeep Found in N. Y., Missing in Bermuda

BERMUDA (CNS)—A jeep, stolen from a Navy public relations officer here last January, has turned up in New York, local authorities report. The identity of the thief, who smuggled his loot to New York by freighter, has not been revealed.

Foxhole Tenant Gets Card From N. Y. Hotel

ALGIERS (CNS)—Cpl. Nathan S. Levy of New York, was lying in a muddy foxhole when the mail orderly gave him a letter. It was from a New York hotel, informing Levy that the hotel hadn't seen him for a long time and certainly would appreciate an early renewal of his patronage.

Locked Nippers Causes MP to Overstay Pass

FT. SHERIDAN, ILL. (CNS)—Cpl. Ed Rocklin, an MP, overstayed a one-day pass, but he had a good excuse. Seems he put his handcuffs on to show his girl how they worked and then he couldn't get them off. A locksmith freed him the following day.

Three GIs Consume 16 Hamburgers Apiece

CAMP ROBERTS, CAL. (CNS)—"Forty-eight hamburgers, please," said a GI to Marguerite Erickson, director of a service club cafeteria here.

Miss Erickson gulped. "Oh, don't worry," said the soldier. "I'm not going to eat them all. I got three buddies outside."

The Sky Pilot Says It

By William J. Guinan
(Asst. Div. Chaplain)

Service men are taken from all walks of life, and many find it hard to accustom themselves to the change. The transition from a civilian to a soldier, especially when a man does not care to choose the military as a career, is extremely difficult. But when the chips are down, the going hardest, the temptation to revolt is strongest, when grumbling, dissatisfaction takes possession of the soldier, a bit of sober reflection should remedy his troubles.

"Breathe there the man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said: 'this is my own, my native land?'" The fire of real patriotism should burn fiercely in the soul of every soldier, the love of country, of our democracy and all that it stands for should be a beacon light to guide every man. There are those who sneer and jeer at such a thought, men who have known freedom, yet never had to earn it by sacrifice. And now when our way of life is endangered by sinister forces, they lack the courage to rush to the defense of our country.

What our nation needs today is men, sturdy men, men endowed with the courage of their convictions, men who are controlled by conscience rather than expediency, who are guided by principle rather than popularity, a sense of duty rather than self-interest, men who are swayed by a spirit of real patriotism rather than political preference.

It is an old saying: "Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a destiny." Regardless of how humble the task may be, even humiliating at times, the real test of our ultimate triumph lies in the fulfillment of our duty. If we are successful at the post to which providence assigns us, no matter what that post may be, we will be successful in our mission.

And when the clouds of battle have dissipated, when the sun of peace shines again over this war-torn world, and we return to take up our normal peacetime pursuits, the greatest happiness we can have in the years to come will be the knowledge that we did our duty as Americans to keep the light of freedom shining brightly for ourselves and our families.

G. I. Jingles

THE PELLET OMNIPOTENT

Blessings on thee, ASA,
Thou magic-lettered pill,
As from the Medics day to day
Thou curest every ill;
Or thus they think, those Pfc's,
Those T/5's and T/3's
How wise their look—how sage their nod
While reading your degrees.
They'll cough and frown and stare you down
As if in thoughts they're saying,
"What GI goldbrick gag is this,
What game is this lad playing?"
But then they'll make their diagnosis
Probing, prodding where they may—
Offering their wise prognosis—
"What you need is ASA!"
Have you measles, influenza,
Throbbing fever's quick cadenza,
Ulcers, fractures, meningitis,
Flatulency or St. Vitus,
Chicken pox or pyorrhea,
Strictures, punctures, diarrhea,
Biting chiggers, gnawing fleas,
Rising water on the knees—
All is gone when you just say—
I'll make mine an ASA!
Is it dreaded halitosis
That makes 'peepul' hold their noses,
Sinus, cancer or malaria,
"Yes, we know how to 'take care o ya'"
Falling hair or falling arches,
Softened spine through lack of starches,
Paranoid or chizophrenia,
Hemorrhoids or psoriasis—
(All you want is GI glasses!)
Itching ticks and athlete's feet,
All help make your life complete—
Rheumatism and sciatica
'Till you don't know where you're 'atica
Grippe, trachoma or pneumonia,
(Here's a lung that I can loan ya)
Streptococcus, laryngitis,
Diabetes or neuritis,
Was it BO that befell you?
(Even your best friend won't tell you)
Lesion, Df's or thrombosis,
Angina pectoris, sclerosis—
Headache, backache, palpitation,
All receive this ministrations,
Bilious, rabies, pleurisy,
Every kind of misery—
Each will fall along the way,
Licked by mighty ASA!
—By Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit,
Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Inf.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Promotions this week in Div. Hq. included those of T/5 Henry A. Gardner, Inspector-General's Dept., to T/4, and Pfc. Arnold Spector, Special Service funnyman and singer, to T/5 . . . T/5 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec., former teacher, naval school instructor and student of languages, has acquired a new interest, the bayous of Louisiana. He delved into it over the week-end when he borrowed a pirogue from a native living on Bayou Sara, near St. Francisville. Paddling over the water, he approached a log. It swam away. Jim thought of alligators, but it was a garfish. He managed a Saturday night barn dance and a cabin-cooked meal in his rustic week-end, too.

263d Engr. Bn.—Promotions of nine men became effective this week. Sergeants' stripes went to Cpl. Leonard B. Zimmerman. The following were named corporal: James A. Aultz, Louis Behnke, Alex Gerlinger and Ivan A. McKissock. New T/5s are Robert D. Alton, Thomas E. Gross, William H. Jager and Charles W. Hartman.

63d QM Co.—The orientation display developed by Lt. Sidney Cooley and his enlisted assistant, Pvt. Ray Ameijide, recently won first place among those of Hq. Sp. Trps. . . . Two more QM men who have joined in the fad of collecting shoulder patches are S/Sgt. Sidney Ginsberg and T/5 Al Antoine.

253d Inf.—1st/Sgt. Joseph Falkenstein, Co. H, spent his furlough plowing 16 acres of land on his farm in Rockport, Ind. In his spare time he drove the local school bus . . . The following men in Co. H advanced a grade each: Sgt. Lester Welmer; Cpls. Joseph Scocozza, Eli Podesney, Edward Kaskey, Robert Suhrbier, John Cernak and Henry Reinhart; T/5 Harvey LeVoie and Pfc. Paul Ares . . . Pfc. George Eklaf, who was cited for excellence with the pistol, learned the pistol-packin' business as a bank guard in Massachusetts.

254th Inf.—Cpl. Paul Sutorius, Co. F, has been promoted to sergeant . . . Capt. Eugene Farmer cited the weapons platoon of Co. F for coming through the UTP without having had a single man fall out or fall behind on any march . . . Recent promotions in Co. M include the following: Cpl. A. J. Keith to sergeant; Pfc. John Lawrence, Robert Gains and John Ryder, all to corporal, and Pfc. Robert Brent, William Decner, Edward Doland, Delles Henke, Hugo Malte, John Riley, Vernon Urell and Robert McFarland, all to Pfc. . . . Pvt. Cisco Calderon, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., has been promoted to Pfc. . . . Men of his squad in Hq. Co., 1st Bn., gave a party for Sgt. Gene Galanter in appreciation for his extra efforts in teaching them code. They presented him with a pin inscribed, "To the Sarge, with affection—The Gang" . . . Sgt. Al Renski, AT Co., has been promoted to staff sergeant . . . T/5 Anthony Accardi, Co. I, has been promoted to sergeant . . . Two sergeants in Co. I, Jesse Schemek and Edmund Eshwegu, have been promoted to staff sergeant . . . 2d Lt. Robert I. Russ, Co. G, has exchanged his gold bars for silver, and three corporals, Raymond P. Davis, John W. Crofts and James R. Callen, have been promoted to sergeant . . . Pfc. Bernard J. Johnson, Co. G, is new enlisted assistant to Lt. James Dollar, orientation officer. . . . Five men of Co. G won prizes for highest range scores among new men of the 2d Bn. The awards, presented by Maj. William Bryan, battalion executive officer, were as follows: Pvt. Hillard Micas, \$5; Pfc. Nicholas J. Carlo, Pfc. Leonard Mullens and Pvt. Albert Lambertucci, three cartons of cigarettes each, and Pvt. Laurel Stanford, two cartons of cigarettes. . . . Maj. Robert Tucker, who has been stationed in England and at Oran, has assumed temporary command of the 1st Bn. A 1935 graduate of the United States Military Academy, he comes from Ft. Devens, Mass. . . . Recent promotions in Regt. Hq. Co. include the following: Noe Mansano, Roscoe Cummins and Nathaniel Schwartz, all to T/5, and James LeGault, Hale Smith, Robert Johnson, Ernest Ward, Salvatore Fucile and Richard Chamberlin, all to Pfc. . . . Cpl. William M. Elgas, mortar squad leader in Co. E, got a pleasant shock on a recent bivouac problem. Returning from a reconnaissance, he thought the squad had disappeared into thin air or been captured. Finally he found that a new terrain feature had appeared—10 yards from him the squad was camouflaged in a new growth of trees and shrubbery. He passed around the chocolate bars. . . . Comedians and ad libbers of Co. E took over when a motion picture projector broke down on a bivouac; the men claim they got more fun out of the informal program than they might have out of the movie. . . . The 4th Plat. of Co. E recently discovered enough talent right in the barracks to provide the Sunday stay-at-homes with impromptu entertainment. Cpl. Leonard J. Stone, former drummer, made a trap-drum set out of mess kits, canteen cups and helmet liners. Pfc. John Svacin, Jr., strummed the guitar. Pvt. John M. Loprieno played a dime-store musical instrument, and Pvt. Leonardo Savino carried the vocals.

862d F. A.—Recent promotions in the battalion include the following: Arthur Stern and George A. Behlen, both radio operators in Hq. Btry., and Joseph H. Buckley, chief of section in Btry. A, all to T/4; Pfc. Elmer S. House, to corporal, and the following Pfc. to T/5; Lawrence G. Gosman, Hq. Btry.; Irving J. Homalka, Btry. B; Norman E. Walton, Btry. C; and Robert V. Bolton and Leo D. Schwarz, both of Serv. Btry. . . . Cpl. Arthur A. Kline, Hq. Btry., and Miss Sophie Markowski were married while Cpl. Kline was in his home town, Reading, Pa., on furlough . . . Pvt. Erwin J. Smith, Btry. C, is another who returned from furlough a married man . . . Cpl. Raymond Maynard, Btry. C, is the father of a new, seven-pound girl, born in Newark, N. J.

255th Inf.—Kitchen personnel of Serv. Co.,—and they probably are not alone in the complaint—wish something could be done about the GI who passes through the mess line, squawking about the food, and then dashes back for seconds . . . S/Sgt. Joseph Benjamin Bernard Switzer III, of Co. I, and Miss Irma Carson, a childhood sweetheart, were married recently in Rochester, N. Y., their home town. Sgt. Switzer has been in the Army more than three years and served overseas for 18 months . . . 1st/Sgt. Peter Pehanic, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., has just seen his three-month-old son for the first time, while he was on furlough in Nokomis, Ill. . . . Pfc. Peter Roth and Olin Champion, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., are celebrating the recent births of their daughters, and so is Lt. George J. Evans, of the same company . . . Pfc. George E. Smith, AT Co., has been promoted to T/5 . . . Fifteen men of the 255th have been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. They are: Sgt. Edward

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TRANSFORMATIONS of everyday GIs into glamorous stage characters with only the judicious use of a little grease paint, crepe paper and other easily obtainable makeup were demonstrated this week to delegates at the Soldier Show Conference in Theater No. 1. The single figure is Pfc. Edwin H. Brown, of the 63d Div. Public Relations Office, who appeared in paper scanties as "Miss Anti-Tank of 1944" in a beauty contest. The others are Pvt. Rosa Marie Mehr, WAC Det., in masculine makeup, and Pvt. Antonio Morales, Division Band, made up as a "GI beauty." Pvt. Mehr's "whiskers" are cigarette tobacco glued to her cheeks with corn syrup.

Two-Day Meeting Promises Better Shows for Division

(Continued From Page 1) to adapt elaborate theater shows to the conditions and material available in the field.

"The purpose of this conference is to train officers and enlisted personnel to be self-sufficient in the matter of entertainment, particularly in overseas areas where self-reliance can be such a vital morale factor," Col. Robert E. Guthrie, commanding officer of Camp Van Dorn, said. Col. Guthrie opened the conference.

The soldier show makes a definite contribution to combat efficiency, Lt. Bob Carson, former motion picture director, told the delegates, because it promotes self-confidence, the development of leadership and co-operation.

Crepe Paper Costumes

The team of theatrical advisers showed officers and enlisted men of Division and camp units how to improve costumes from crepe paper, wrapping paper, lipstick, ink, paper clips and similar readily-obtainable items; how to set up a stage in the field, with improvised scenery and lighting, and many other features of quick and ready production of "live" entertainment.

Subjects covered in the two days included costumes, makeup, scenery, lighting, fundamentals of directing, auditions, staging, vocal and instrumental music, dance directing, shadow plays, minstrel shows, radio shows, quiz programs and variety shows.

A variety show, "Tarpaper Tempo," with talent drawn from the conference and auditioned during

the sessions, was scheduled for last night.

The five officers, all experienced in the fields of music stage, screen or radio, make up the first team sent out by the Special Services Division to advise Army units on soldier shows. On temporary duty with the 4th Service Command—which has more camps and air fields than any other service command—they participated in the first Service Command Soldier Show Conference held last fall at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., last fall.

Wrote WAC Songs

Capt. Ruby Jane Douglass is in charge of the team. Capt. Douglass, a former music supervisor in Oklahoma, wrote many of the WAC songs and was musical director of a show at the WAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Other members of the team are Lt. Carson, who directed Ginger Rogers in "The Major and the Minor" and directed other motion pictures; Lt. Robert Wellington, formerly with the Twentieth Century-Fox Little Theater; Lt. Jack Hill, scenario and radio writer and author of the "Bulldog Drummond" series, and Lt. Harry MacAhill, stage dance director known professionally as Harry Mack, who staged dances at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., for the ASF group taking shows to overseas theaters.

Two of England's most exclusive schools, Eton and Charterhouse, are being opened for a few days to American soldiers.

Cooks Used Rifles Not Frying Pans In Island Battles

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beach at Rendova and canned rations sure came in handy. We were constantly on guard against Japs infiltrating during the night and by day we were busy knocking them down out of trees.

Cooked Food After Fight

When things quieted down somewhat on Guadalcanal, the 43d Div. to which Doty was attached set up its field kitchens and took a turn at cooking food for those who were not then engaged in the fighting. "At such times it was little different than it is here at camp," Doty feels.

"The meals were basically the same, except we had to use dehydrated foods. There were no fresh vegetables for they would rot within 48 hours due to the intense heat and moisture. Our only fresh meat came at such times as we were able to corral some of the cattle which were driven from the islands' plantations by the fight and even these had to be eaten within an hour of killing in order to avoid spoilage.

Relied Mainly on Rations

"In the jungle it was pretty hard getting warm food to the men and they relied mainly on canned rations for sustenance. However, carrying parties were sent to the rear and on such occasions we had doughnuts, cookies and buns ready to go back, together with hot coffee."

Doty was among the first to see action after December 7th, 1941, and from the beginning of his foreign service excitement flowed his way as steadily as the blood in his veins. His trip across the Pacific was in the complement of a 9 ship-convoys accompanied by two destroyers. And what a Jap-hunting trip those United States craft made of the voyage!

Attacked by bomb and torpedo carrying planes and submarines, the defenses of the Americans amassed a bag of nine aircraft and two subs—all without loss of a ship or injury to any man.

63d Men Present Radio Program

A half hour's entertainment was presented by Division soldiers Wednesday night when they were heard on the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center, Natchez. T/5 Arnold Spector was master of ceremonies.

The program was highlighted by an interview with Pfc. Reginald Stanborough of Co. I, 254th Inf., former actor and chief of announcers for the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company. Stanborough played "Train Leaving for New York," from Porgy and Bess, and sang "Darling Je Vous Aime Boucoup."

Two skits, "What's in a Name," featuring Spector and Pvt. Paul Taubman, and "In a Berlin Lunatic Asylum," with Spector, Taubman, Stanborough and Sgt. Bob Peters provided amusing interludes.

Pvt. Taubman, former radio organist and pianist played his own arrangement of "Tales from Vienna Woods" and accompanied Sgt. Peters as he sang "Spirit Flower" and "Just Awearin' for You." T/5 Thomas Hector of Division Public Relations was the announcer.

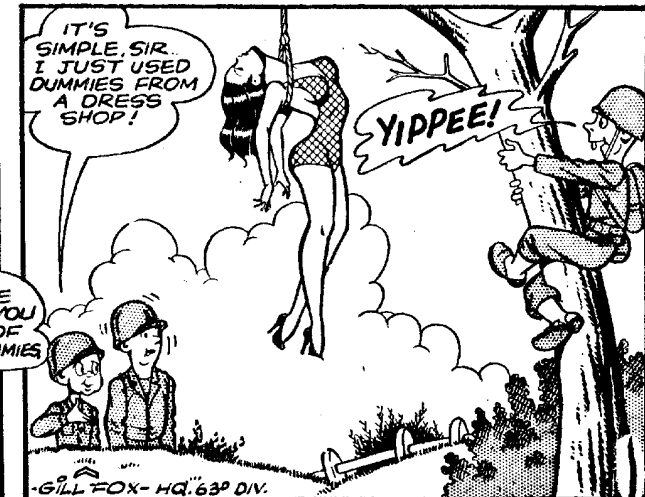
The overall fatality rate in the United States air forces is .07 per thousand hours of flying.

BERNIE BLOOD

'Beautiful But Dummy'

By GILL FOX

BERNIE'S BEEN PUT ON A DETAIL THAT IS MAKING NEW DUMMIES FOR THE COMBAT COURSE.



GILL FOX - HQ. 63d DIV.

White Five Wins Title in Combat Team Loop



SPORTS

FROM THE
Crow's Nest
BY HARRY MARTINEZ

(The following is taken from Harry Martinez's column which appeared in the New Orleans States, Friday night, March 17.)

"They didn't take back any championships, but the boys from the 63d Blood and Fire Division certainly gave everything. If their fighting in the Servicemen's championships is an indication of the spirit of the rest of the men at Van Dorn, then this must be a mighty good division.

"The 63d has taken an active part in all athletic events in New Orleans. In a previous Servicemen's show, three fighters were brought here and two of them won. Their basketball team lost by one point to the Essos of Baton Rouge in the semifinals of the AAU tournament. The Essos, incidentally, will represent the Southern AAU in the national tournament at Denver. This gives you a pretty good idea of the kind of team it took to beat the boys from Van Dorn.

"The Commanding Officer of the Division is none other than Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, who was formerly director of athletics at West Point. With a man of this type at their head, it can be easily understood why the boys of the Division are so athletic minded. They do their athletic training on their own time at night. If the boys had an hour a day or every other day for athletics, they'd cut a big figure in all sports but their training is more rigid and they haven't time to spare for athletics in the daytime.

"Gen. Hibbs believes in sports to keep the men fit. He had 116 teams in intramural basketball and probably will have the same number in softball. The Division will also have a baseball team.

"Lt. Bernard Levkoff was in charge of the boxers. They all gave a good account of themselves and Stanley Gomeila came near springing the surprise of the tournament in his bout with Joe Contini of the Coast Guard. Contini had his hands full winning a very close decision in the 135-pound class."

Golf Pro, Now in Medics, Lived Life of Millionaire

Cpl. Warren Orlick isn't a millionaire but he's done a lot of things a millionaire has done.

A golf professional for about half of his 32 years, Orlick was playing partner and traveling companion for a Detroit real estate operator whose wealth placed him in that rather awesome category. As such, Warren lived in the royal manner, partaking of the things dreams of little people are made of.

It's a lot different now for this technician with the 254th Inf.'s Med. Det. A pup tent is an extreme substitute for the rooms in a lavishly-appointed Florida resort hotel, and C rations hardly ever taste like a Delmonico steak, even to a hungry man.

But some day, Orlick feels, he wants to return to something approximating that pleasant way of living and for him the way back is through golf.

That's why to him a week end pass means just one thing—a chance to keep his hand in at club making and instructing at some golf club. For months he has availed himself of these opportunities, assisting E. D. Guy at the Fernwood, Miss., C. C., working at the bench or helping someone on the practice tee.

He did those things at the Monroe, Mich., Golf and Country Club from 1910 until he was inducted in September, 1943. He means to be able to go right back to it when peace reigns again.

Monroe found most of its athletic recreation at its bowling alleys until Orlick quit his position as assistant to Joe Devany at Grosse Ile to help reorganize the Monroe club. Orlick "sold" golf and himself to the townspeople one afternoon at a Kiwanis Club luncheon. From then on the club never again operated in the red.

Started as Caddy

Cpl. Orlick began caddying at the age of 14 and two years later assumed the role of assistant pro. Club making and teaching gradually became of prime importance in his daily life but not to the utter disregard of the playing end of golf. He toured the winter tournament circuit only once but a testimonial to his scoring ability lies in his record 32-33-65 on the par 71 layout at Monroe.

Golf and the family name would appear to be synonymous for in addition to Warren there are three Orlick brothers who have been very active in the game. John recently aroused Warren's envy by writing that he played the fabulous St. Andrews' course in Scotland. Yes, John is overseas with the infantry.

Jack Orlick recently was given an honorable discharge because of an old leg injury but brother Ben stands ready to continue the family's contribution to this much larger game. He is classified 1-A and is awaiting his induction examination.

Lou Fonseca, former Chicago White Sox first baseman and American League batting champion in 1929, has been touring GI stations in the United States showing movies of World Series games.

Gerry LeVan, backfield star of several Princeton football teams in the early '30s, is back again at Old Nassau—as a Naval V-5 student.

Esso Five Beaten

The Essos of Baton Rouge were eliminated from the National AAU Basketball Tournament Tuesday night when they were defeated by the Oklahoma City Indians, 60-35.

Runners-up for the Southern AAU championship, the Essos beat the CT White five of the 63d Division by a point in the semifinal round of the tournament at New Orleans recently.

Softball Tourney To Start April 3

April 3d has been chosen for the start of the Division softball tournament. Despite curtailment of practice by inclement weather, company teams are forming for the quest of the respective battalion titles—and beyond that, the Division championship, which is tentatively set for the latter part of May.

The softball competition will be patterned after the system satisfactorily employed in the determination of the basketball championship. Preliminary play will be within the battalions, with the winners determined on a percentage basis.

There will also be a championship playoff for Div. Special Troops and the winning team, together with battalion winners, will stage a single elimination series for the Blood and Fire crown.

The tremendous appeal of baseball has led to the formation of plans for playing of the game both at camp and in the field. Sufficient equipment has been made available to all companies and batteries to insure facilities for soft or hard ball whenever the desire to play arises.

Combat teams will have their respective baseball nines and are arranging series, on a home-and-home basis, with college and semi-professional teams throughout the district. The initial call for candidates has brought to light a number of men who played with major league and top minor league teams prior to their entrances into the service.

As an example of the extent to which some units are going to make this sport even more appealing than basketball, CT White's Athletics and Rec. staff has provided each battalion with its own softball diamond. Furthermore, a baseball diamond is being leveled for games with the other CTs and probably will follow suit.

Trounces Blue Quintet in Playoff, 60-35, As Stan Suwinski Registers 24 Counters

Champs Unleash Strong Attack to Assure Victory Early in Contest; Losers Suffer From Lack Of Sufficient Preliminary Practice

The fine playing CT White Division basketball team bowed out of division competition Wednesday night by beating CT Blue, 60-35, for the Combat Team League championship at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall.

Achieving the peak of their playing form, the Whites absorbed their rivals' best efforts in the first quarter and from that point on moved ahead to a lead that became ever more commanding as the game progressed.

CT White Repels 605th Engineers

Reluctant to break off its highly successful campaign, the CT White basketball team made the 605th Engrs. its 21st victim of the season at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall, Monday night, with a 42-23 victory.

Prepping for their Combat Team League championship playoff with CT Blue, the Whites rushed ahead to a 23-6 lead in the first half and lopped along behind the prolific scoring Stan Suwinski to an easy decision over the camp special units champion.

Suwinski looped 19 field goals and a foul for a 21-point performance that was almost sufficient in itself to submerge the Engrs. Half of the Whites' first half points were scored by the rangy lad from Schenectady, N. Y., whose closest rival was the Engrs' forward, Tikey, with 10 points.

In a return game Tuesday night CT White repeated, this time by a 51-15 score.

CT White (42)				605th Engrs. (23)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
B'kowsk, f	3	0	0	Tikey, f	4	2	19
Prisberg, f	0	0	0	Young, f	1	0	2
Pfifer, f	3	1	7	McNara, c	3	2	8
Noon, f	0	1	1	Del'Prino, g	1	1	3
Suwinski, c	10	1	21	Brandel, g	0	0	0
Sch'd'ler, g	0	0	0	Mullen, g	0	0	0
James, g	0	0	0				
McCabe, g	1	1	3				
Galbraith, g	2	0	4				
Demskie, g	0	0	0				
Totals	19	4	42	Totals	9	5	23

James J. Braddock, who made the climb from a New York pier to the world's heavyweight boxing throne, is back on the pier again. However, it's Captain Braddock now, bossing a bunch of longshoremen at the Army's huge freight depot in Brooklyn.

By half-time the score was 28-14 in favor of the Whites and that two-to-one scoring pace was maintained until substitutions in the closing minutes disrupted the smoothness of the victors' attack.

Pfifer Nets 14 Points

As in the majority of their previous 21 victories, the Whites' attack was paced by Pfc. Stan Suwinski and Pvt. George Pfifer. Suwinski, probably the most prolific scorer in the 63d Div., overwhelmed three rival centers with his one-hand tosses into the netting. Eleven field goals and a pair of fouls was his bag for the evening and only Pfifer, a former Duquesne University court star, could come close to matching him, with seven field goals.

The 33 points tabulated by the two White scorers would have been enough to lick the Blues. Yet, considering the fact the losers had not operated as a unit for at least two weeks, the difference in scoring was no real gauge of the respective merits of the two teams. In their previous meeting, it was the Blue five that looked best.

The best basketball of the night was played in the first quarter when the score was tied four times. The Blues went out front on Jack Meyer's field goal and the Whites kept pulling up to even terms, then falling behind, until the intermission found the teams in a 10-10 deadlock.

James Snaps Deadlock

The first tally of the second period was a shot from the field by the Whites' Harold James. From then on the eventual champions were on their way.

They handled the ball with as much skill as any team seen at Camp Van Dorn this year. They moved the leather in under the basket and out again to break up what could have been a tight defense. Pfifer repeatedly tossed the ball to the rangy Suwinski for the latter's pivots under the basket, and when he did keep it for a "set" shot, George exhibited marked accuracy. Moreover, the rangy Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz was continually pulling the ball off the Blues' backboard so that all things considered, it was a rather thorough display of superiority by the White five.

The Lineups:

CT White (60)				CT Blue (35)			
G	F	P	P	G	F	P	P
Barkowitz c	3	2	8	Hodkins f	2	3	7
Freiberg, f	0	0	0	Lacy f	0	0	0
Pfifer, f	7	0	14	Meyers f	1	0	2
Noon, f	0	0	0	Scobee f	2	0	4
Suwinski c	11	2	24	Antosiewicz c	3	0	6
Demski g	0	0	0	Eicher c	0	0	0
James g	4	0	0	McCord c	0	0	0
McCabe g	0	0	0	Bigos g	5	0	10
Galbraith g	2	0	4	Parkas g	0	0	0
Schmidler g	1	0	2	Lanzetti g	3	0	6
Total	23	4	50	Total	16	3	35

Referee—Sgt. Farmer. Umpire—375 Kies.

254th Cannon Co. Team Beats Anti-Tank Ten

The Cannon and Anti-tank companies of the 254th Inf., "beat the gun" with their baseball playing this week, getting in a seven-inning tilt that saw the former team achieving a 9-8 victory by virtue of a three-run spurge in the last session.

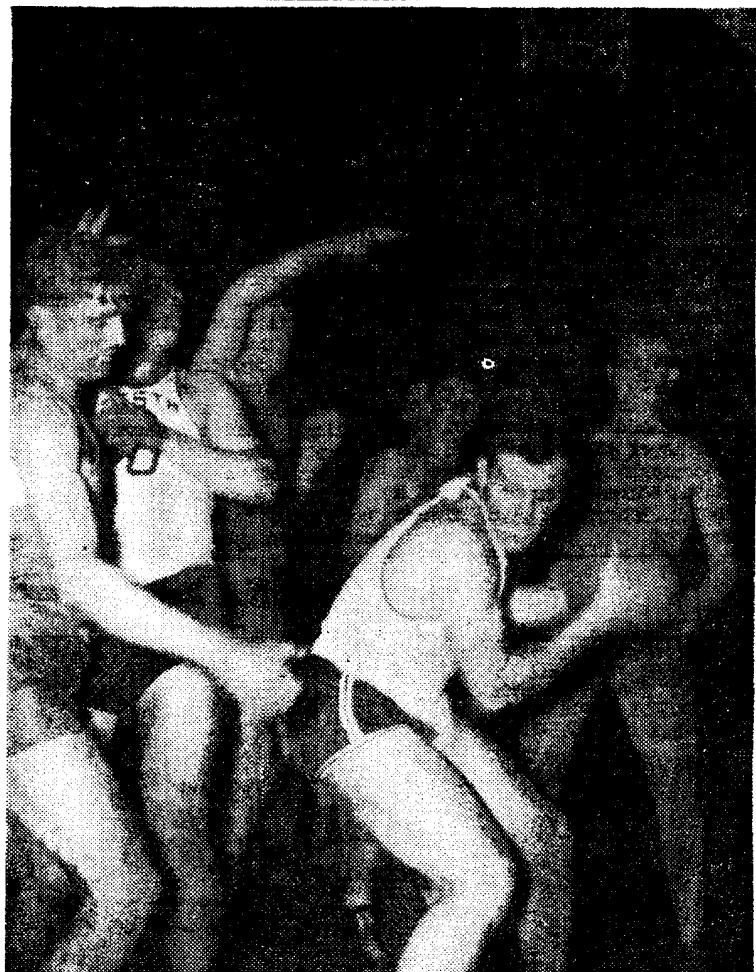
The boys provided their own high temperature during the early season torrid weather rivals. The lead alternated several times with Sgt. Corzine and Pvt. Boone and Jackson contributing much to the winning cause. Sgt. Simmons, Cpl. Horton and Pvt. Cook played well for the Anti-tank team.

Score by innings:
Cn. Co. 401 010 3-9
AT Co. 102 401 0-8

CT Blue Volleyball Loop Plays 10 Games

CT Blue inaugurated its volleyball league last week with the playing of 10 games that brought satisfying recreation to the various company teams.

Games were played following Retreat or at such time as was mutually suitable to the contestants. Eventually, battalion and battery champions will be determined, with the winners meeting in CT Blue Rec. Hall for the Team crown.



"ON THE BALL" is Pfc. Adolph Bigos, CT Blue basketeer, as he grabs the leather in a scramble during his team's game with CT White for the Combat Team League championship. However, the Whites had possession of the ball most of the evening and took the crown with a 60-35 victory. Others visible in the picture are (left to right): Pfifer, Antosiewicz, Suwinski, Galbraith and Barkowitz.

Carnival of Sports Post-War Project

WASHINGTON—With the backing of several members of Congress, plans are in the making for a post-war sports carnival patterned on the temporarily deferred Olympic Games.

Although the project lacks official confirmation, the Army allegedly is getting ready for service games which may begin on the spot at war fronts and wind up with an international final in some major Allied capital, like London.

Representative Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, made the disclosure of the Army's plan for thus helping to heal the scars of war, saying "It would be the shortest road back to normalcy and a strong step toward international unity."

The Special Service division has drafted an outline calling for preliminary competition in the various theatres of war. Many an outstanding athlete of recent years will never be able to compete in these games, and to these men the games may be dedicated. However, the track and field stars now in service provides a nucleus for a really brilliant field.

Among servicemen are the following champions:

- Dashes—Benny Eash, Penn State; Eugene Peacock, Temple; Harold Davis, California.
- Hurdles—Thomas Todd, Jr., Virginia; Ray Ramsey, Bradley Tech.
- 110-Yard Dash—Chas. W. Graham, Ohio State; Francis Coffey, Southern.
- Half mile—Joe Noyes, Bradley.
- Mile—Leslie MacIntyre, N. Y. U.
- Two-mile—Grog Ross, Notre Dame.
- Ohio Hunter, Notre Dame.
- Pole Vault—Cornelius Williams, Penn.
- High Jump—Bill Vesie, Columbia; Joshua Williamson, Albany, Ga.
- Shot—Barney Egell, Penn State; Ed Gordon, Iowa; Peacock.
- Weights—Al Blozis, Georgetown.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

The Redlegs—fire their 105 mm howitzers To break field for advancing infantrymen

So that men of the 63d Division will know what other men in different units do, the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE are presenting this series of articles discussing the work of Division units. This article deals with the men of the 861st, 862d and 863d Field Artillery battalions and their 105 mm. howitzers. Later articles will deal with the Infantry cannon companies and the 155 mm howitzers.

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Characterized by military leaders as "The downfield blockers who clear the path for the infantrymen advancing with the ball," the men of the 63d Division's four artillery battalions are a sturdy lot. They are the heavy punch of the Division who will, in time of battle, come to the support of the advancing infantry by knocking out enemy installations, tanks and fortifications.

The Redlegs—as they are known for their crimson identification color—pass most of their time these days on field problems in and around the camp area, and their heavy 105mm. and 150mm. howitzers may be heard booming across the peaceful Mississippi countryside night and day.

In fact most of the movement of these artillerymen is done at night, for in combat they must take their positions under cover of darkness so that the enemy is not aware of their approach. They must always be ready to lay down a barrage in front of our advancing troops, which usually attack at dawn.

Teamwork Is Essential

Unlike the individual rifleman, who will probably not kill anyone except himself if he fails to fire his weapon at the correct time and place, the individual artilleryman must coordinate his every action with those of his teammates, for the wrong reading of a single angle by any one man, or the improper setting of a single instrument on the part of a surveyor may throw off the entire battalion's fire and spell the difference between success and defeat for the infantrymen advancing under cover of their barrage.

In the artillery teamwork is essential. In the seven man teams which operate the 105mm howitzers and the nine man crews of the larger 155s, everyone must know his own duties thoroughly, and in addition the duties of every other man on the team, for in the event of casualties a man must be able to undertake at a moment's notice the duties of any of the other men in the crew.

Rugged Life in the Field

A typical problem for the artillerymen begins about 0730 when the battalion commander, his surveying party and communications officer set out to pick a suitable firing location. A half hour after the battalion commander leaves the area, the gun crews move after him, and when they arrive at the chosen site they find the surveying crew has already staked out gun positions, observation posts, and CP. As the guns lumber into position the communications men are already stringing up wires between the positions.

The artillerymen usually take the attitude that when they occupy a position they'll be there for some time, so the crews dig their guns in and dig out underground CPs and OPs. In addition, once they have set up their howitzers in position they must erect camouflage coverings if sufficient natural concealment is not already at hand.

The Gun Crew

When the time comes for the guns to actually fire, the seven-man crew swings into action. The gunner "lays the gun" or sights it for direction, the No. 1 man sets the elevation and fires the gun,



IN THE FIELD are these 63d Division artillerymen. At the top left a redleg looks out of the almost invisible opening to an underground dugout headquarters of the 861st F. A. Bn. At upper right is scene inside this dugout, with officers and men hard at work. Center photo by signal corps shows part of a 105 mm. gun crew and their weapon just after a shell has been fired. Inset at left shows an 861st non-com observing fire direction, while inset at right shows two 861st non-coms at another forward observation post watching a battery fire. At bottom Maj. D. C. Beere, commanding officer of 861st, shows some of his officers and men a film slide as part of their training.

handling the opening and closing of the breech. The "strong man" (No. 2) loads the shells—which in the case of the 105s weigh about 35 lbs.—while the ammunition passer (No. 3) sets the fuse as the No. 4 man passes the shell along.

The projectiles of the semi-fixed shells of the 105s may easily be removed from the shell casings, and when necessary the No. 4 and No. 5 men remove some of the seven powder bags from the casing to make adjustments in the range of the shell.

The No. 6 and No. 7 man of the crew handle the heavy gun trails which must be swung around if the firing direction is changed to any large degree. They also assist in the preparation of the ammunition, and the digging in of the gun and slit trenches.

The gun crew is under the supervision of a staff sergeant, the

chief of section, who is responsible for the firing of the gun, and for the men, vehicles and equipment in his section. His duties correspond roughly with those of the squad leader in a rifle company.

Firing Problems

One of the phases of a typical Field Artillery Battalion problem is concerned with observed fire. In such problems the men fire their pieces while officers and non-coms at the forward observation posts observe the hits and correct errors in range and aim of the pieces by telephone and radio.

The 105s of the artillery battalions, unlike the smaller 105s used by infantry cannon companies, are able to fire from defiladed positions where they remain unseen by the enemy, yet they can lob shells a considerable distance into the enemy lines.

Unobserved fire, where the gun

crews rely solely on instruments and mathematical computations, also occupies considerable time in these problems. When firing under these conditions the complex firing charts of the survey party are used. These maps of the target have a scaled graph drawn over them.

While the guns are being leveled on their unseen targets, the battalion commander, surveying party and communications officer set out to locate a new position, and as soon as dark settles again the gun crews move out to the newly staked areas and set up their guns. Before dawn a high burst is fired and observed to make any necessary range corrections, and by dawn the battalion is ready to mass its fire on a chosen point.

Defensively Armed

The greatest enemy of the artillerymen are dive bombers and tanks, but American howitzer men have found their 105s "very effective" when fired point blank at enemy tanks, as are the bazookas with which each battery is equipped. As protection against planes, particularly while being moved up into front line positions, the artillerymen have .50 cal. machine guns mounted atop their 2½ ton trucks. These guns are also set up for

aerial protection when the guns are in position. The cannoneers are personally armed with carbines, pistols, knives and hand grenades.

In addition to the constant manning of their guns—which must be cleaned and oiled even more carefully than small arms after firing—the artillerymen must also stand guard duty and outpost security, and take up added duties as gas and anti-aircraft sentinels.

Canadian-Alaskan Telephone Complete

EDMONSTON, Alta.—The last link in the 2,600-mile system installed in Canada and Alaska by the U. S. Army has been completed. The final strands were laid on the 595-mile circuit from Norman Wells to Whitehorse, and now Washington officials may talk directly with all installations in the Northwest Service Command.

Male Call

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



Nice Lines Of Communication



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HIDE AND SEEK as applied to warfare by 63d Division camoufleurs is shown in these photos by 263d Engineers. At top of page is a camouflaged position for 155 mm. howitzers of Division Artillery, and at bottom left is shown dummy collecting station established by men of 363d Medical Bn. Such installations, purposely designed to be visible through treetops, would attract enemy fire. Photo at upper right is a close-up of dummy 155 mm.

howitzer in same emplacement shown at upper left. Lower photo shows officers and non-commissioned officers of Division inspecting a .50 cal machine gun emplacement under a cantilever flat-top of netting garnished with foliage. Top center photo shows Lt. Harry W. Wyre, Div. Camouflage Officer, telling class how to camouflage their unit areas. At lower center, two members of the class inspect a 57 mm. emplacement featuring a garnished flat-top with open embrasure.

'Sweet and Swing' Orchestra Presents Show at Club No. 2

The 63d Division's White Band, a new 16-piece jump outfit, gave a repeat performance of their "Sweet and Swing" stage show at Service Club No. 2 Wednesday night. The same show was presented last week at Service Club No. 1 and at the Station Hospital a few weeks ago.

Highlighted by Sgt. Artie Engler's impersonation of Cab Calloway and the sergeant's own interpretation of the novelty number "Java Jive," the show moved at a fast pace. It reached its climax with the band's rendition of Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing."

Pfc. Irving Rochlin, proved a hit with his singing of "Besame Mucho" and "When They Ask About You." Even the old timers were satisfied when Cpl. Max Cheikes revived one of his tap routines which was popular when Max was a headliner on the Loew's Circuit in vaudeville days.

To round out the program and to make sure that all were satisfied Cpl. "Hoot" Roane and Co., gave out with a routine of hill billy tunes and rustic melodies.

The band under the direction of WO (jg) Harold E. Polakoff, gave an excellent performance both in backing its fellow actor musicians and with solid jive. Special arrangements for the show were written by the band's own staff composed of Pfc's. Edwin Shantzoltz, and Charles Jones, and Cpls. Ed Dolin and Joe Madera.

The White band is one of three that have been organized from among the personnel of the Division military band. Each of the orchestras have been designated as Red, White and Blue in conformity with the three combat teams.

The Red band is under the direction of Pfc. Don Pablo and features the soft, sweet style of music. The White band led by WO Polakoff, specializes in swing. The orchestra has a male vocalist. Auditions are being held to secure a vocalist from among members of the WAC Detachment.

T/5 Charles Blue, appropriately enough, heads the Blue band, a society styled ensemble which features the singing strings. The band concentrates on variety, playing music with a Latin-American touch as well as the current popular tunes.

Snoozing GI Awakened By King of England

LONDON—"There I was asleep, and all of a sudden somebody woke me up. And, gosh! It was the King and Queen!"

Sgt. Wilbur Banik, of Chicago, will have that story to tell for the rest of his life. He went to a Red Cross club here to catch some shut-eye and was one surprised sergeant when he was awakened by King George laughing and saying, "He'll think it's a dream."

Theater Schedule

- THEATERS 1 AND 2**
Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
- March 25 "The Navy Way," with Robert Lowery, Jean Parker and Roscoe Karns.
 - 26-27 "Up in Arms," with Danny Kaye, Dinah Shore and Dana Andrews.
 - 28 "Hi, Good Lookin'," with Harriet Hilliard, Eddie Quillan and Ozzie Nelson and orchestra.
 - "Oklahoma Raiders," with Tex Ritter.
 - 29-30 "Shine on, Harvest Moon," with Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan.
 - 31 "Knickerbocker Holiday," with Nelson Eddy, Charles Coburn and Constance Dowling.
- THEATER NO. 5**
Starting Time—1845
- March 26 "The Hour Before Dawn," with Franchot Tone, Veronica Lake and Andy Clyde.
 - 27 "The Navy Way," with Robert Lowery, Jean Parker and Roscoe Karns.
 - 28-29 "Up in Arms," with Danny Kaye, Dinah Shore and Dana Andrews.
 - 30 "Hi, Good Lookin'," with Harriet Hilliard, Eddie Quillan and Ozzie Nelson and orchestra.
 - "Oklahoma Raiders," with Tex Ritter.
 - 31 "Shine on, Harvest Moon," with Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan.

Sallis—Vocalist On Broadcast

Two members of the Division appeared on the musical program broadcast from the Servicemen's Center, Natchez, Sunday afternoon. Pfc. Charles Sallis, tenor, of the 563d Signal Co., sang "I'm Falling in Love With Someone." Cpl. Samuel Berger, 63d Division Band, was his accompanist.

Other vocal selections were of-ward. Cpl. Nasser, Tel. 2330.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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C. Camper, Jr., Pfc. Stanley M. Levinsky, Sgt. Edward P. Jones, Jr., Sgt. Clyde I. Johnson, Sgt. John Gomola, Sgt. Amerigo V. DiDesidero, 1st/Sgt. Richard F. Tuttle, Sgt. Gerald N. Yeomans and Sgt. Claude R. Bryant, all of Co. K.; S/Sgt. Charles M. Gasparovich, Sgt. Michael G. Connolly, T/5 Paul J. Sullivan and Pfc. Vance F. McIntyre, Jr., all of Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; and T/5 Robert L. Stevens and Pvt. Lester V. Beavans, both of Hq. Co. . . . Pvt. Stanley Gifford, Co. I, has been promoted to T/5.

718th F. A.—In civilian life Pfc. William Smith, Btry. A, had a unique occupation. He was a pigeon stealer—but he says his kind of thievery was within the law. In the Borough of Brooklyn, N. Y.; it is legal to catch wild pigeons but illegal to pen them up. So he who scatters the most appetizing food on the roof-top, he who possesses the best-trained "Judas" to lure other pigeons to the food and he who is quickest with a net makes the most money. Pet shops pay as high as \$2 for these wild birds . . . New officers of the 718th NCO Club are: S/Sgt. Douglas McCracken, Hq. Btry., president; M/Sgt. George Peterke, Serv. Btry., vice-president; S/Sgt. William Mann, Med. Det., treasurer, and S/Sgt. Arthur McMullen, Serv. Btry., secretary . . . Small World notes: Cpl. Christopher C. Davison, Btry. C, a resident of Cuba, wandered into Station Hospital and ran right into his next-door neighbor from down home, Maj. Theodore de la Torre.

ferred by Mrs. R. M. Greenwood of Natchez, who sang "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," and "Besame Mucho." Miss Jennie Linigro also of Natchez sang "When They Ask About You."

Community singing under the leadership of Mrs. Natalie Luscomb, musical director for the Center, was part of the program.

LOST LIGHTER

LOST—Silver Cigaret lighter inscribed Ean-Lee Nasser. Believed lost in area of Service Club No. 1. Owner attaches great sentimental value to the lighter. Generous re-

(Answer to Puzzle on Page 2)

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