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Division to Hold Minstrel on 27th At Outdoor Arena

A real old fashioned minstrel show complete with end men, an interlocutor and music, will be presented under the supervision of Division Special Services Office, Thursday, April 27, at the outdoor theater located near 8th St. and 13th Ave.

"Mississippi Minstrels" is the name given the show and the talent will be drawn from among members of the Blood and Fire Division. Rehearsals have already started under the supervision of T 4 Jack Bracken, who will handle the dancers, T/5 Arnold Spector who has prepared the book, and T 5 Paul Taubman who will supervise the musical program.

Cpl. Leslie Heath, former radio announcer and actor of CP White Athletic and Recreation office, will act as interlocutor, while T 5 Fred Weiner of CP Red Athletic and Recreation Office, a former actor on the West Coast, and Cpl. Mickey Johnson of Co. F, 253d Inf., will be end men.

Arty Chorus to Sing

The Division Artillery chorus, which has been heard in a number of productions both in camp and in nearby cities, will provide choral numbers. Other outstanding performers in the Division will be added to the cast next week.

The outdoor theater has been recently renovated and the show will be the first of its kind to be held there. Ample room for spectators is available and one of the largest crowds ever to witness a theatrical event in the Div. is expected to see the minstrel show.

The performance will be done in the traditions of the old fashioned minstrel shows and all the actors will be costumed. Special sets are being designed by Sgt. Kenneth Bloomer of Hq. Btry, 115th F. A.

Five From 254th Cited for Work

Three officers and two non-commissioned officers of the 254th Inf., received commendations from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, and Lt. Col. Joseph W. Warren, regimental commander, for outstanding performances in connection with a problem involving the rifle platoon in the attack.

The execution of the problem, witnessed by officers of the Division and the 144th Inf., stationed at the Camp, displayed "evidence of exceptional training progress, on the part of the 254th," according to Gen. Hibbs.

T Sgt. Percy Thompson, Co. I, received two commendations, one for his performance during special battle exercises and the other for work as a leader of a rifle platoon in the attack. T/Sgt. G. S. Trojanowski of Co. D, and members of his 81-mm. mortar squad were cited for their accurate fire on various objectives.

Lt. G. E. Mueller of Co. H was cited for excellent work done by his machine gunners during a rifle platoon attack problem, and Lt. A. S. Hamblen, Jr. of Co. Co., was commended for his extraordinary ability in directing the operations of a rifle platoon, and for his lucid explanation of the situation. He was assisted by Lt. J. E. Tullbane, of Co. A.

Praise for developing a spirited outfit that did superb work during the entire training period and which topped off its efforts with a two-weeks course in engineer training, went to Lt. Arthur J. DiAntonio, leader of the A. and P. Platoon.



IN TEN LANGUAGES or one, Blood and Fire has the same significance to these men associated with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon of the 253d Inf. Regt. Capt. Richard G. Cox, Regt. S-2, points to the words familiar to all members of the 63d Div. However, T/5 Dominic Salvatori, Cpl. Joe Martin, Pfc. Hans Siesbye, T/4 Arthur J. Fuld and Pfc. George Worth, share between them knowledge of the Italian, French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Russian, Danish, Swedish and Hungarian versions which surround the English.

Infantry Seals Victory, General McNair Declares

In an article entitled "Salute the Infantry," which appeared in a recent issue of "This Week Magazine," Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, eulogizes the men of the infantry and declares that, "although they are overshadowed



LT. GEN. LESLEY J. McNAIR

by the glamor of the "flashing plane and the clanging tank," they deserve the plaudits because it is they who seal the victory.

The lightning conquest of Poland by the mechanized attack of the Nazis has turned the eyes of the public from the infantry to the more spectacular branches of the service, the General claims. German might has been envisioned solely in terms of dive bombers and armor, but for every armored division, the Nazis had a dozen or so divisions of foot soldiers, says the General.

Even our own families at home have forgotten how the infantrymen have wrested bloody victories from the Pacific jungle to the crags of Italy, yard by yard.

"Today we are dedicated to a fight to the finish. Yet despite the public's fascination with the mechanized phase of modern war, we in the service know full well that the finish must come on land—not on the sea or in the air—and that the decisive struggle will be fought by the infantry and its supporting arms and services. For fixed defenses like those of Fortress Europe can be taken and held only by the foot soldier," the General states.

The General goes on to say that he is not depriving the naval and air forces of the appreciation and applause they are earning. "Today all our forces are welded into a combat team in a fashion unprecedented in history. Yet the infantry is the only arm that can win a decision. And the contribution of the other arms is measured by the aid they give to the infantry," he says.

Tells Mothers to Be Proud
The General tells mothers of Infantrymen (Continued on Page 7)

Film Actor Lloyd Nolan To Visit 63d Thursday

Lloyd Nolan, well-known motion picture actor who was seen recently in the photoplay "Bataan," and who has played prominent parts in other screen successes, will visit Camp Van Dorn on Wednesday and Thursday.

Nolan will tour the 63d Division area on Thursday, and is scheduled to eat mess with one of the units of the Div. He will also make a public appearance that evening.

Signalmen Restore Lines Burned in Exchange Fire

Called From Field, 563d Rigs Hookup To Reestablish Communications With Wires Outside Area

Within 14 hours after fire gutted the Camp Van Dorn branch of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. late Thursday night, signalmen of the 63d Division who had been hastily called in from a field problem, were laying wires and establishing circuits to connect Division and Camp phones with outside commercial lines. The work of the Signalmen was directed by Maj. Charles W. Gibbs, Div. Signal Officer.

Investigation is still under way today to determine the cause of the fire which swept through most of the one-story frame and tar paper structure. All communication throughout the camp was cut by the blaze and the Fire Department, whose lines run through the telephone switchboard reported that 26 of its 150 street fire-alarm boxes were out of commission.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Charles Wilson, who was in charge, pending the arrival of Chief of Department E. M. Tipton, the fire started at the rear of the building close to the boiler room. It spread rapidly to the operating room from the Exchange, at 2340 and through which pass incoming and outgoing calls.

Ten operators on duty at the time the fire started were forced to make a hasty exit after notifying Fire Headquarters by phone of the blaze.

The alarm was received at Fire Headquarters, across the street from the Exchange at 2340 and flames were already shooting from the windows on the 13th Street side of the structure as the apparatus emerged from the firehouse.

Engines 1, 2, 4 and 6 responded to the call and four lines of hose were laid to the fire. Quick work on the part of the firemen saved the building from being a total loss and the flames were confined to the operating room. Other sections of the Exchange were damaged by smoke.

Officials reported work on the restoration of complete service was (Continued on Page 3)

Need Special Road For New Weapons

If you've wondered what was going on out on the Hospital Road, between the main corner and the Range Road, it's the 263rd Engineers building another road.

The Artillery had a problem of how to get their new M-1 Howitzers, with 14-ton tractor prime-movers, out of camp to the artillery firing ranges, without destroying the existing camp roads and streets.

The Engineers came through again and solved the problem with a new road right from the Artillery Motor Pool out to the Range Road. Captain Temnisson, company commander of Company A, and his men are doing the job. Reports indicate that the road will be completed and in use next week.

Religious Services For Men on Rifle Range

Chaplain H. D. Prather will conduct religious services tomorrow morning for members of Cos. 1, 3, 5 and 6, Replacement Training Group participating in rifle marksmanship training.

Two separate services will be held behind the firing lines during the shooting course, Chaplain Prather said.

Glamor of Foreign Legion 'Hokum', Says 253d Cpl.

Richard Harding Davis created many enthralling soldiers-of-fortune but it is doubtful if he ever conjured up a character to match Cpl. Joseph A. Martin, Hq. and Hq. Co., 253d Inf.

Martin spent seven years in the French Foreign Legion in Africa and with the French Colonial Army in Indo-China and, in between times, was an interpreter in a Shanghai hotel, a journalism student in France and a maitre d'hotel in the U. S.

Joined Colonial Army
"I was just a kid when I joined the French Colonial Army in Indo-China, looking for adventure," stocky, voluble Martin told mess-mates. "I was there a short time when I was transferred to French N. Africa to the Legion Etrangere (Foreign Legion) to fight against Arabs, heat, thirst and freezing weather."

Cpl. Martin, who wears the Croix de Guerre, Croix de Combatant and several campaign ribbons, was twice wounded by Arabs at the battle of Taffe-A-Ilet Oasis in the Sahara during uprisings against the French government. "The toughest battle was at

Daebel-Sarre where 700 Legionnaires were killed. The French



CPL. JOSEPH MARTIN

newspapers didn't carry the story (Continued on Page 2)

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Care of Sick and Wounded in Garrison And Field Role of Medical Dept.

The 63d Infantry Division is a complex organization of foot soldiers, artillery and even flying soldiers. This is the eighth of a series of articles sketching the duties and activities of men in various outfits in the Division.

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"Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."

That tribute by Winston Churchill to the RAF for its role in the Battle of Britain in 1940 might well be applied today to the Army Medical Dept. for the part it is playing and will play with increasing effect in the days to come.

All over the world's battlefields a small group of men are doing their specialized work so that others may live and campaigns be won. That same type of man is with the 63d Division and his role will be the same as that of those who have preceded him where medicine has gone to war.

Most members of the Division know the Medics merely

through the medium of the sick book, the shot lists and monthly inspections. Superficially, that would appear to be their principal contact with Blood and Fire personnel. However, in garrison their function actually goes far beyond that point and in the field it is increased manifold and becomes correspondingly vital in the course of battle.

Technicians Versatile

Technicians of the Regt. detachments and the Div. battalion employ the rudiments of medicine, surgery, dentistry and pharmacy in their work. They absorb the basic elements of physiology and anatomy as well as the prescribed methods for treatment and evacuation of all types of casualties on the battlefield.

Ultimately, they comprise a group with capabilities for prolonging life by the administration of blood plasma and bacteria-controlling sulfas and penicillin, and, for giving aid and comfort by drug injections and the application of splints and tourniquets.

Work under the supervision of the Office of the Div. Surgeon is divided into three phases—maintenance of health of the command through preventive medicine, achieved with physical examinations, sanitary measures, immunization and control of venereal and other communicable diseases; treatment of the sick and wounded and, where needed, dental treatment and prosthetics, and finally, the administrative aspects of the above.

Combat Team Detachments

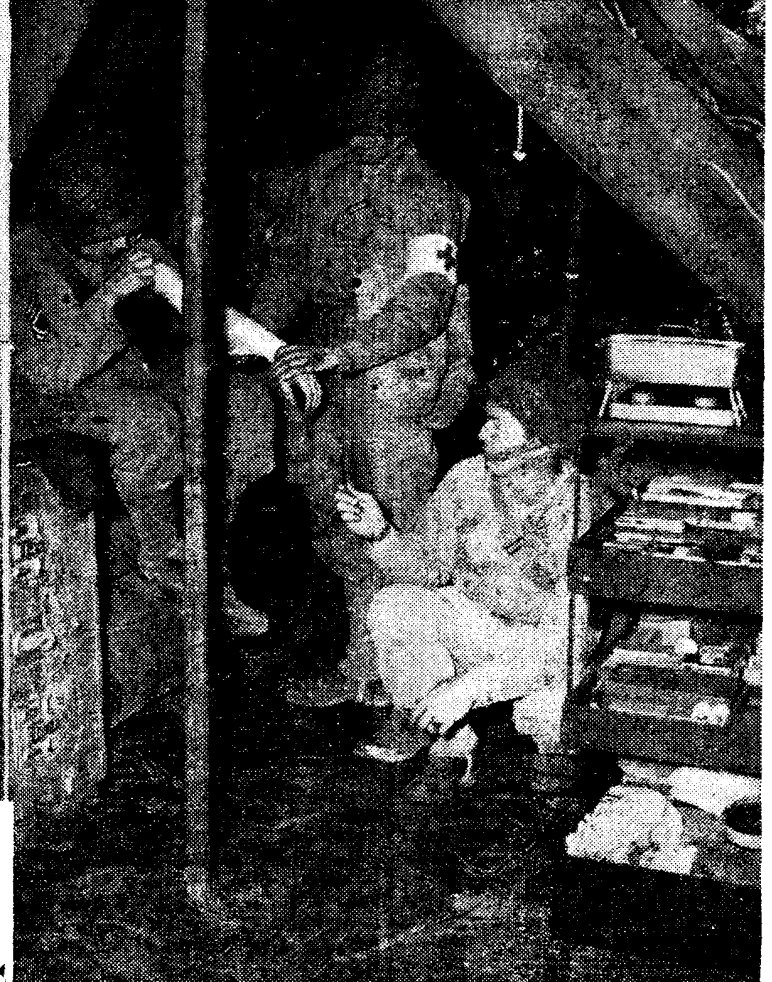
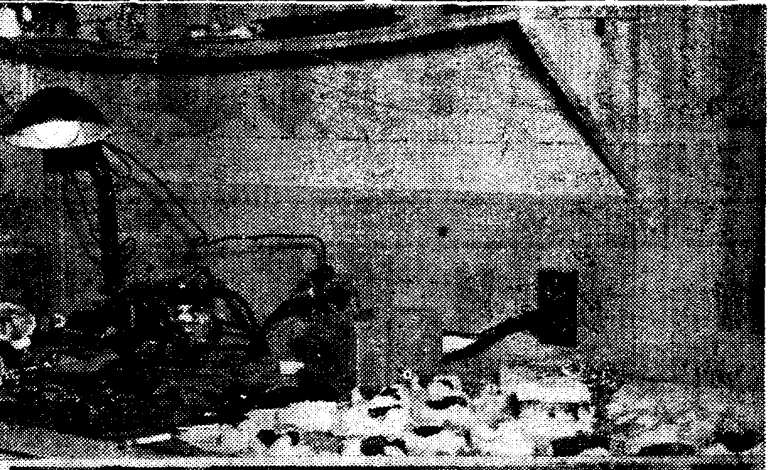
Medical detachments are an integral part of each combat team. Their field of operation ranges about the battle area and through collaboration between secondary and more rearward echelons extends successively through aid, collecting and clearing stations, and the evacuation, general and convalescent hospitals.

By these gradual changes is the preventive care and corrective treatment which modern science has devised made progressively greater for the ill and wounded.

Each infantry regiment has its own detachment, a handful of litter-bearers and technicians who administer the life-saving sulfa drugs and plasma, and who operate the aid stations from where battle cas-



SERVICE keynotes the work of the 363d Medical Battalion which is ready to serve men of the Division in the field and in camp. The men of the Medical Department are ready for any emergency. Dentistry, surgery, pharmacy and medicine all come under their supervision. A dental mechanic is shown at work in the top photo, while at the left a dispensary case is being handled in garrison. A field dressing station is depicted at the right.



ualties are evacuated to the collecting stations.

This is the point at which the 363d Med. Bn. inaugurates its field operations, although supplies and administration for subordinate groups also is concentrated here. An entity in itself, collaborating with units to front and rear in the fight against pain and death, the battalion is constructed so as to be able to attend to cases requiring immediate surgery. Mobile surgical units are operated in this area and, incidentally, utilization of this World War II innovation has become increasingly greater.

This is particularly true in the Pacific theater where the problem of transport has made it advisable

to bring the hospital to the soldier instead of adhering to the more customary reverse procedure.

Treatment and care of sick and wounded is a problem for which dentists, doctors and technicians are always prepared. Their preparation for this work, however, is normally left in the hands of the Administrative Corps.

Blood typing, the issuance of glasses, and the provisioning of all units with medical supplies are some of the tasks which fall to the MAC. In addition, records covering the numbers of those ill or injured, wounded or killed in action and other specific medical cases also are the responsibility of this section of the department.

Liaison is maintained with Regt. S-3 for only with a knowledge of battle plans may an estimate be made of potential casualties and preparation made for their care and evacuation. The MAC has to check the availability and flow of supplies and coordinate the operation of ambulance units and clearing stations.

AAF to Release 36,000 From Flight Training

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Because the Army Air Forces are approaching "complete supremacy" in every theater of operations, the AAF soon will release 36,000 Ground and Service Forces personnel who originally were scheduled for service in the air, Gen. H. H. Arnold has declared.

According to Gen. Arnold, the men affected are Ground and Service Forces personnel who volunteered as pilots, navigators and bombardiers, but who did not start their flying training. They will be returned by the AAF to their original branches.

"The general shortage of trained personnel throughout the Army, due to the cumulative shortages since July which have developed in the Selective Service, has made it necessary to utilize every available soldier to meet the current demands for pending operations," the War department explained.

Glamor of Foreign Legion 'Hokum', Says 253d Cpl.

(Continued From Page 1) for those were the days of appeasement.

"The Arabs, especially Touregs, were fierce fighters who lay in dismounted ambush around the few water holes in Morocco and killed off whatever scouts or other protective forces we sent ahead," he said.

Led by Fanatics

"They were led by religious fanatics and were advised by Nazis who entered the country in the guise of tourists. One of this German group, a Lt. Klems, was arrested and sentenced to seven years on Devil's Island as a spy.

"The Hollywood idea of the Legion is pure hokum," this experienced observer noted. "I walked out on the picture 'Beau Geste' in a Shanghai theater. There was no glamour in the real thing, just heat and hard work. We were pushed through hikes of about 40 miles three or four times a week, through sand, rocks and gravel.

"After a few hours under the broiling sun we all saw mirages. I remember envisioning a beautiful, cool swimming pool surrounded by palm trees and gorgeous women only to see them all disappear as I came close.

"An enlisted man's pay was equivalent to about seven cents a month and we saw no women for two years. The highlights in our lives were the too infrequent visits of American sailors. We really 'painted the town' when they came to Algiers.

"There were about a dozen Americans in the Legion and to hear them tell it, all were millionaires who came to the Legion to forget!"

Speaks Five Languages

A world-traveled adventurer who speaks German, French, Russian and Polish in addition to English, Cpl. Martin has seen Yokohama and other Japanese cities. He found

the Jap "courteous, cultured but nonetheless untrustworthy."

In the Legion from 1935 to 1937 he served under Prince Aage of Denmark, and Lt. Gen. Preshkoff, adopted son of the famed Russian writer, Maxim Gorki. The General is now counsellor to Gen. Charles DeGaulle.

After a year in Germany, where he worked as a chef, Cpl. Martin became associated with many leading metropolitan hotels. "Of all cities I have visited, Shanghai is in my opinion the finest. It was a city of opportunity, but I suppose the Japs have ruined that," he said.

A fine horseman and expert boxer, Martin was a platoon sergeant in the French army. Hq. Co., however, is getting the benefit of his culinary talents. Speaking of food, he claims we are the best fed soldiers in the world.

Guard Major Slated To Be Private Soon

BOISE, IDA., (CNS)—Maj. John G. Walters, and to Brig. Gen. M. G. McConnell, Idaho State Guard adjutant general, has passed his pre-induction physical and soon will become a private in the U. S. Army, he says.

Coast Guard Develops Jeep to Hold 10 Men

NEW YORK (CNS)—The U. S. Coast Guard has developed a new 10-man jeep for use in shore patrol duties. The new troop-carrying jeep is bigger, faster and even tougher than its famous Army counterpart, the Coast Guard claims.

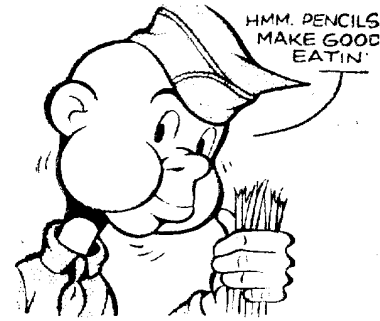
The Wolf by Sansone



"This is positively ridiculous!—I won't go any further until you get rid of your friends!!"

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I reckon this is about as good a time as any to talk a little about the evils of poor instruction. I say "a little" because books have been written on the subject, and that is not in my line. As a matter of fact, this little weekly effort on my part makes me chew up



pencils and finger nails as well as expend a good deal of government time. But my feeling is that if it helps just one GI to do his stuff in combat a little better it's time and effort well spent.

To get back to my subject, it is one old sergeant's fixed opinion that poor instruction rivals malaria and venereal disease for the unenviable position of the Army's number one enemy, and I ought to know, seeing as how I have given as well as received plenty of poor instruction in my day.

In the first place, most of the time poor instruction is a result of lack of preparation. I will admit that some times you'll see a guy who'll work like hell and just can't put it over and some times you are given a subject at first call and have until assembly to prepare it; but in most cases the proper preparation is neglected because of pure laziness and lack of sense of duty. That's how "Monday morning instruction" got its name.

As I have said plenty of times before, you can't fool a bunch of GIs. They know before you start whether it is going to be worth listening to. How? By whether you have any training aids and if so how they're laid out. And besides, a soldier has a well-developed sixth sense which tells him



when he can nap without missing anything and when to sit up and take notice. After the instructor gets going it's duck soup for them to tell, for, although once in a great while you hit a hardened offender who can bull through and be convinced about it--and that's the worst kind because the men listen and get the wrong dope--usually a guilty conscience and the fact that he's talking about something that he doesn't know anything about, and knows it, makes him hesitate and not sure of

Super Gripe Box Pays Awards to GIs

BALTIMORE (CNS)—A sort of super gripe box—whereby soldiers can receive promotions, furloughs and even the Legion of Merit for any bright ideas they may have on how to run the Army—has been established by the Third Service Command.

It's part of the Army Service Forces' plan to stimulate constructive thinking on the part of military personnel and possibly evoke "some practical suggestion that will increase the efficiency or economy in Army operations and administration," the Command has announced.

Enlisted men will offer the best suggestions will receive furloughs, preferment in assignment, promotions, commendations and—if the idea is really hot—the Legion of Merit, the Army's fourth highest decoration.

An Armada of 3,266 ships of all the Allied nations took part in the North African invasion.

himself, and the men see this right away.

But the worst thing about poor instruction is the blight that it puts on a good outfit. I have seen good companies go to hell in a hurry because of it and it's easy to see why. Did you ever see men interested when the officers and particularly the old man didn't give a damn. There just ain't no such animal.

So, take it from me—good outfits and good instruction go hand in hand. If you want a good squad or platoon or a good division, like the 63d for that matter, just look well ahead, have everything lined up and know your stuff. The chances there are two to one that your dividends will be a good outfit.

Col. Burk of 253d Is Promoted at 30

Lt. Col. Walter Joseph Burk, commanding the 2d Bn., 253d Inf., promoted to that rank April 8, by order of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has a rich background as teacher and all-around execu-



LT. COL. WALTER J. BURK

tive with a natural versatility that enabled him to achieve his present rank at the age of 30.

Graduated from Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pa., Col. Burk entered the Army as 2d Lt., stationed for a short period at Ft. Meade, Md. He was transferred to the 315th Inf. Reserve Corps, Philadelphia, where he pursued his civilian vocation as a CPA specializing in cost accounting. He was then promoted to 1st Lt. and transferred to the 1st MP Bn., 1st Military area.

Col. Burk entered active service April 19, 1941, and was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., Reception Center where he proved his versatility by handling expertly seven positions simultaneously. He was CO of a Receiving Co., Special Officer, Mess Officer, Publicity Officer, Welfare Officer, PX Counsel and Counsel to the Officer's Club.

Following a short assignment with a heavy weapons company at Ft. Benning, Ga., Col. Burk reported to the Officer's and Non-Commissioned Officer's School, Camp Wheeler, Va., June 9, 1942, where he was senior instructor under Lt. Col. Marion Schewe, then a major. Col. Burk was promoted to Capt. Sept. 23, 1942, and was made executive officer of the school. He was named major April 23, 1943 and reported to the Blood and Fire Div., June 1, 1943 where he was assigned to G-3 until July 22 when he was given his present command.

Col. Burk is married and has a five-months-old son, Walter Joseph Burk 2d.

Signalmen Restore Lines Burned in Exchange Fire

(Continued From Page 1) progressing rapidly today but asked that calls be kept at a minimum so phones may be used for official business. The regular dial system may be used for all calls within the camp. Long distance calls to points outside camp will be limited.

Easter Greefings For RTG Set Mark Among 63d Units

Every day is Christmas for the men at the Replacement Training Group.

Or so it seems to Pfc. Ben Anthony and Cpl. Roland Weimer who handle the mail for the three RTG battalions. Last Saturday, for example Pfc. Anthony and Cpl. Weimer received 40 bags of letters and packages, believed to be the greatest amount received by day unit since the Div. came to Camp Van Dorn. Most of the mail consisted of Eastertime remembrances.

Lt. Andrew H. Romaniszyn, Division Postal officer, reported between two and two and one-half tons of mail delivered to the Blood and Fire division's 253d, 254th and 255th infantry regiments, and the RTG. According to Pfc. Anthony approximately a ton of that amount was addressed to the trainees.

Five of the 40 mail bags were the number one size, largest used in mail delivery, Lt. Romaniszyn said.

"The RTG's mail is the heaviest I've seen in the seven months I've been handling mail in the Division", Pfc. Anthony remarked. He was formerly with the 253d Infantry regiment's post office. He suggested that RTG members write the folks back home to wrap packages more carefully. Too many boxes are damaged and their contents lost in transit, Pfc. Anthony said.

Major Henry D. Reed, RTG executive officer, said the men's high morale could be partially attributed to the record mail deliveries.

"There's no denying it. Letters from wives, parents, sweethearts and friends do a lot to keep the men in excellent spirits," Major Reed commented.

Engineers Dance To Pablo's Band

In a setting reminiscent of the tropics, the 263d Engineers danced to the music of Don Pablo and his orchestra at Special Troops Rec. Hall, Friday night, April 7. Girls from Baton Rouge were guests of the evening.

A jitterbug contest was won by S/Sgt. Ernest Decelles of Co. B and Miss Lois Lobby of Baton Rouge, while runner-up honors went to Pvt. William Dingler of Co. C and Miss Dorothy Camp, Centerville. The victors and those who placed second received cash prizes donated by the Castle Club of the 263d.

Pfc. Earl Johnson of Co. A, anxious to see if there were any waltzers in the gathering, offered a prize of \$10 for the couple placing first. Pfc. Louis Casese of Co. C and Cpl. Robert Ott of Co. A and their partners finished in a tie for first place and split the prize money.

Special entertainment was offered by T/5s Arnold Spector and Paul Taubman of Division Special Services.

T/5s John Krueger and Jack Marshall of Co. C headed the committee on decorations. Using camouflage nets garnished with rosettes of red and white crepe paper, the committee blocked off the ceiling and sides of the Rec. Hall. Four attractive sitting rooms furnished from company dayrooms were ranged on each side of the hall. Refreshments were served under the direction of S/Sgt. Wilbur K. Horton of Hq. and Serv. Co.

1,000 Attend Songfest Held at RTG Dust Bowl

Members of the Replacement Training Group held a Community Sing at the RTG Dust Bowl Thursday night with more than 1,000 participating in the outdoor songfest.

Led by the RTG trio comprising Richard Ferrara, Melvin Haven and Marty Baum, all of Co. 4, the men sang "Roll Out the Barrel," "Beer, Said the Private," "Gee, Maw I Wanna Come Home," "God Bless America," and other Army favorites.

The sing was arranged by Maj. Frank Farr, RTG commander, as part of the group's entertainment program.



OPERATION under field conditions is being demonstrated by Maj. Isaac Gutman (center) commanding officer of Clearing Co., 363d Medics, at Special Troops Rec. Hall. Stray dogs that have been impounded are used to demonstrate the use of anesthetic, sutures and implements. The Major is assisted by T.3 John J. Brady (right).

Page Dan Cupid

Here's a mark at which Dan Cupid can shoot.

The Revelers, an organization composed of Baton Rouge girls gave a dance last January for members of 63d Division Artillery. Since that time three marriages have resulted from meetings between officers of Div. Arty. and Red Stick belles and a fourth nuptial is impending.

Next Saturday night the Revelers are staging another dance, open to all 63d officers at the Istrouma Patio from nine until twelve.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Men of C Battery, 718th, Hold Party

Celebrating a period in their training, Cannoneers of C Btry, 718th F. A. staged their first party last Saturday night in a reconditioned mess hall. Civilian girls and wives of the Redlegs helped make the affair a success.

Guests of honor were members of the Battalion staff, Capt. George W. Putnam, Capt. P. A. Hughes, Lt. Melvin H. Thee, Lt. George DeJure and Lt. Ralph West of Serv. Battery a former member of Btry. C. Capt. Robert D. Doudanville, Btry. Commander, and instigator of the celebration, was also present.

The Redlegs transformed the mess hall of C Btry. into an attractive dance hall complete with a bar, Red and white streamers, the work of a committee directed by S/Sgt. Mario Antonucci, decorated the hall together with American flags. Furniture taken from battalion dayrooms lined the walls. A refreshment committee headed by Lt. Andrew Jackson and Cpls. Bernard Rynkus, and L. Novak, and Pvt. Carl R. Spitzer saw to it that everyone had plenty to eat and drink.

Reporters Appointed From Companies in RTG

Maj. Henry D. Reed, executive officer of the Replacement Training Group, has appointed a staff of reporters to gather news for Blood and Fire.

RTG soldiers are asked to submit news items to the following: Pvts. Michael Goldman, Co. 1, Charles Dismer, Jr., Co. 2, M. D. Portman, Co. 3, Harris Sanfillipo, Co. 4, William Watson, Co. 5, Charles Hemen, Co. 6.

Pvt. Portman was named chief reporter for the group.

363d Medics Learn Surgery Techniques

An operating theater in which a surgeon demonstrated the functioning of a surgical unit under combat conditions was set up this week in Special Troop Rec. Hall for a series of classes conducted by Maj. Isaac Gutman, commanding officer of Clearing Co., 363d Med. Bn.

The course, a combination of lecture and application, was designed to acquaint enlisted men of the battalion with the exacting techniques of modern surgery.

Aided by a surgical team, Maj. Gutman used an impounded stray dog for a "casualty" performing operations varying from an amputation to an abdominal exploration.

In the course the men first are thoroughly grounded in the nomenclature of the implements and instruments used and the proper sequence of their use. Next comes preparation of the operating table and the patient and an explanation of the duties of members of the surgical team.

That the team's duties are exacting and their proper execution important is demonstrated when the operation is under way. The bungled manipulation of implements, improper handling of anesthetics and sutures by the helpers directly impairs the work of the most skillful surgeon, Maj. Gutman pointed out. For this reason, teamwork and understanding among the surgeon and his assistants is stressed.

While performing the operation, the surgeon identifies and explains each anatomical feature.

Engineers Train Men Of Three Regiments

The Ammunition and Pioneer Platoons of the 253d, 254th and 255th Infantry Regiments recently completed a two weeks' course in Engineer Training under the supervision of Lt. Hart and Lt. Knirsch of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion.

The course included Care and Use of Tools, Road and Bridge Reconnaissance, Explosives, Road Maintenance, Water Points, Foot Bridges, Jungle Trails, Job Estimates and Organization, Stream Crossing Expedients, Rigging, Knots and Lashings, Maps and Map Reading, Minefield Removal, Booby Traps, and Field Fortifications and Obstacles.

Hitler's Kin in Navy
NEW YORK (CNS)—William Patrick Hitler, 32, a nephew of Adolf Hitler, has been accepted for service by the Navy.

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EDITORIAL

WRITE MORE—TELL LESS

Those who know—the Red Cross, the USO, and other agencies—keep reminding us to write home. Letters home are increasingly important now. There hardly can be an American soldier's family unaware of great events impending. Invasion preparations, training information, stories of an enlarged and active Army fill the newspapers.

Consequently our families want to hear from us more than ever before. They are eager or anxious, according to their temperaments, to learn about our futures. They want continued assurance not only that we are alive and well; they want to know something about our work and training. In short, they want to know everything we will tell them.

Keep on writing the folks and friends, but remember that this is a time for increased caution. As "D Day" approaches and preparations affect even the remotest corners of training camps far from theaters of operations, things speed up and become exciting. A lot happens to our barracks-mates and to men in the next company. All of us know of troop movements and training schedules which would make interesting reading at home—and elsewhere.

The enemy still has ears. Believe that those ears are sharper as "D Day" approaches. Every little fact learned may be pieced together with others to tell an important story to Hitler, and there is no reason to believe he has ceased trying to overhear little facts.

Write more—but tell less.

TO THE RESCUE

Soldiers of the Division, especially those working in offices throughout the area, can now realize more fully just what it means to be cut off from communication, even by phone from other units or from the outside world.

Following Thursday night's fire at the Camp telephone exchange, contact between Division units and with the outside was completely cut off and had it not been for the prompt work of the 563d Signal Co. in setting up its field equipment, the rupture might have been more serious.

One of the first objectives of saboteurs or paratroopers is to disrupt communications, especially telephone lines. The inconvenience caused by the temporary disruption of these lines in camp is an example of how vital telephonic communication can become in an emergency.

The efforts of the Signalmen and of workmen of the Southern Bell System, who arrived later to effect repairs, is worthy of praise and a tribute to the Army Signal Corps and to national public service.

Some folks are worrying over a possible "economic explosion" when the war is over. Wise planning should ease the shock, which surely a war-weary world can take, once the real explosions are over.

April seems to be away ahead of schedule, so far as Mother Nature's concerned.



News from Here and There

Japs Jettison Bombs, Yanks Have Fish Fry

BOUGAINVILLE—Thanks to a Japanese pilot, a group of Marines and sailors at Empress Augusta Bay recently had their tastiest meal in weeks. A Japanese bomber jettisoned its bombs into a bay in its haste to escape from American night fighters. When morning came, several large barracuda, dazed by the bomb blasts, were hauled from the water. On the menu that night was barracuda steak, served with canned peas, dehydrated potatoes and coffee.

Soldiers Get Passes To Date Want Ad Girls

FT. HANCOCK, N. J.—Three girls have placed a "men wanted" advertisement in the service club here. The ad says:

"Wanted: Three soldiers, single, at least five feet eight inches tall, to go on dates with three girls from Elizabeth, N. J., who will finance the evening up to and including \$15 worth of entertainment."

Soldiers will get a chance to vie for the blind date Apr. 27 when they make telephone calls to the three from the service club. At the first telephone-date show recently, the three soldiers chosen by the girls as their GI dates received 24-hour passes to escort the young women.

Air Cadet Finds No. 11 Plays Big Part in Life

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Aviation Cadet Harry S. McGlinchry, of East Hartford, Conn., has ASN 11111111, which was assigned to him on Nov. 11, the eleventh day of the eleventh month, and he is with the 101st Sqdn. in preflight bombardier training here.

Ford's Dearborn Farm Becomes Center for CDDs

DETROIT—Camp Legion, the 300-acre camp in suburban Dearborn which has been used by Henry Ford as a trade school and farm project for high school age boys, has been converted into a rehabilitation center for disabled veterans of World War II who have CDDs. Each man admitted to the camp will receive \$3 a day for work on the farm, in the machine shop or on maintenance duties. Ford said the program is planned especially for veterans who wish to return to industry or farming.

Gen. Clark Gets Dollar For Good Time in Rome

ST. LOUIS—Italian-born John Cafferata was impatient for the 5th Army to get to Rome. He sent

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark a dollar bill which the general was pledged to spend there "on a good time." Gen. Clark replied that Cafferata "can be sure the dollar will be spent when we reach Rome."

Battle in '62 Delayed Publication of Paper

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—A copy of Buck and Ball, newspaper of the 11th Cav. Regt. of the Kansas Volunteers of the Union Army, was found by Earl M. Kelley among the possessions of his grandfather. An editor's note in the issue of Dec. 6, 1862, explains that the Battle of Cane Hill, Ark., interrupted the printing and it did not come off the press until Dec. 15.

New Guinea Troops See Fashion Show

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—GIs at a New Guinea base were asked by Red Cross girls what sort of a show they would like to see. "A fashion show," was the reply. So, wearing everything from bathing suits to evening gowns, the girls gave them a fashion show under the New Guinea moon.

Lonely Yank Prefers 100 Women to Gift

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (CNS)—A soldier stationed at a base here received a birthday present from 100 women in Connecticut. He wrote back that he didn't want to appear ungrateful but he wished they had kept the gift and sent him the 100 women instead.

Officer to Wed Girl He Met at Vesuvius

MT. VESUVIUS, ITALY (CNS)—An AAF officer and an Italian girl, brought together by war and an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, will be married here soon.

The officer, Lt. Robert W. Bussmann, of St. Louis, and the girl, Signorina Tina Seafora, an 18-year-old school teacher, met during rescue work on the slopes of the erupting volcano. They will be married within a month, he said, and spend their honeymoon at Capri.

Kelly Sends Medal Home to His Mother

ITALY (CNS)—T/Sgt. Charles E. Kelly was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for killing at least 40 Germans in Italy, but evidently he wasn't knocked off his feet by the citation.

"Mom, I got a medal," he wrote home. "I'm sending it home to you."

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Wilbur C. Hall

(255th Infantry)

On the trip from Egypt to the Holy Land Joshua called the Israelites together at a place called Shechem to speak to them. Many of them had turned to the worship of pagan gods and had forsaken God who had created and cared for them. Joshua put it straight up to them when he said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve."

Life is made up of choices that have to be made. Gradually habit patterns are formed and we are held in their grip. A sign beside a road in Canada said: "Choose your ruts well, for you will have to stay in them for 40 miles." Life is like that—therefore our daily choices are important. The sum total of our choices in life results in our character—what we really are.

There are three main types of character:

1. The type symbolized by Peer Gynt. He likened himself to an onion. Each layer of the onion symbolized one part of his life. But when the last layer of the onion was peeled away there was no central core. Just so his life had no central purpose. Life to him was a hit-or-miss proposition. He had nothing by which to guide his life. He had no faith, held no belief that mattered—nor did any great belief hold him. His was the brush pile type of life—everything in life thrown in—but there was no organization around a central loyalty.

2. The second type of character is symbolized by Lot's wife. When God told her not to look back at the city of Sodom, which He was going to destroy because of its wickedness, she disobeyed and was destroyed. She symbolizes the type of person who has made some moral or spiritual decision but does not carry it through. It is rather easy to make a decision. It takes real courage and strength to carry that decision through to the end.

3. The third type of character is that symbolized by Paul in the New Testament. He chose Christ and stayed with Him to the end even amidst persecution, suffering and hardship. This type of character can be likened to a northern pine tree. It has symmetry and central plan, its branches are related and each joins the central trunk, which is firm and straight and pointing ever upward until finally it comes to the last small shoot on top which points to God. Just so this type of character is organized around a faith in and loyalty to something beyond itself that gives meaning and purpose and goal to life.

Which type of character do you represent?

G. I. Jingles

THE FADE AWAY

Of all the branches of our armed forces
The best was the one with horses!
If I were a soldier, I'd like to be
A member of the U. S. Cavalry.

Of all the equipment in a fighting battalion
Why did they dispense with the galloping stallion?
And in this day of more modern warfare
What ever did happen to the racing mare?

What would Custer and Teddy R. say
If told to attack at the break of day
With a full regiment of gallant "Yanks"
And all they had were a few damn tanks?

Oh, for the days and wars of old
When fighting men were really bold,
They'd chase the enemy from their course
'T top' a hell of a good "ole" horse.

Moral:
When this 'Modern' war is over
Recall the horses from the clover
And ride into any future battle
'A top' a damn good leather saddle.

BIVOUAC SOLILOQUY

When night descends I gaze upon the
Earth's cool, starry sky,
And with lazy, languorous eye
Roam the heavens for the brightest star of all

Bright dots in an inky canopy,
Myriads of them,
Will my listless search succeed?
Yes! A million stars recede
Into the Stygian darkness
As the brightest meets my view!

Then I think of the girls
That I once knew—so many of them!
But like the stars that lost their light
When the brightest met my sight,
So do they all,
Whenever I think of you.

—By Pfc. Sid Nepp,
HQ. Co., 2d Bn., 254th Inf.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Division Quartermaster Feeds, Clothes, Transports and Equip

This is the ninth of a series of articles dealing with the duties and activities in various outfits in the Division. The articles will serve to acquaint soldiers with the functions of units other than their own.

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A handful of officers and enlisted men, less than 200 in number, do one of the biggest jobs in the 63d Div., as the Office of Division Quartermaster and Quartermaster Co.

The clothing, feeding, transporting and, equipping of the soldier to a point just short of his armament needs, is the responsibility of this section. In addition, it plays the role of guinea pig in the ever-continuing quest for improvements in methods and equipment.

Apparently, there is no assignment too minor or any task too large for undertaking. Dyeing of twine for helmet nets and creation of arm bands for battle exercise umpires were a couple of its more recently accomplished tasks.

Duties of the section are divided between the two units. The ODQM is responsible for supply, transportation and administrative work and operates principally as a coordinating agency between Division and post. Elaborated, its work encompasses the rationing of food, based upon unit strength reports, and supervision of distribution of clothing and equipment which is normally consumed at a fairly uniform rate.

Two Sections

The 63d QM Co. is in itself divided into service and truck platoons. The former furnishes personnel for a break down of rations, the operation of Div. gasoline stations and creates a supplementary labor pool when its time is not occupied with military training.

The truck platoons, three in number, meet the transportation needs of the Division over and above the point attainable by the motor pools of the respective units.

In garrison, laundering, repairing of shoes and the salvage of various individual and unit items are coordinated between Division and camp facilities through the ODQM. Supplies are similarly procured.

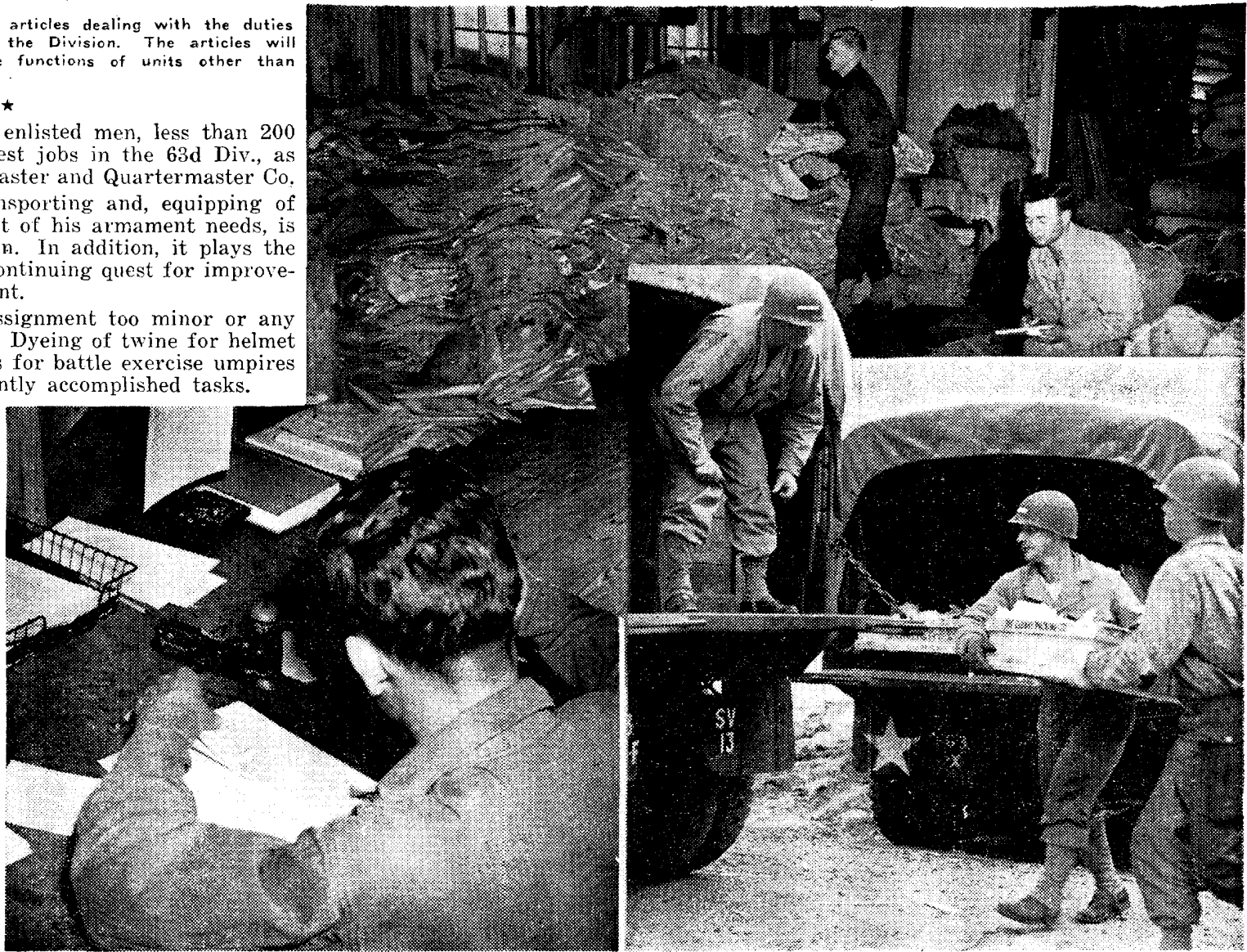
Activities of the office are delegated to the Transportation, Contract and Purchasing Officer, and the Supply, Administration and Executive officers, each with responsibilities peculiar to his own department. The Supply chief supervises the procurement and rationing of food and clothing. The TC and P officer musters facilities for movement of troops by rail and vehicle and contracts for purchases.

Duties Increase in Field

This latter function, minor while in garrison due to the utilization of post procurement sources, increases greatly in scope when the Division is in the field. The same officer also acts as co-ordinator between the G-4 section and the 63d QM Co. in dispatching vehicles, and keeps the record of the Division's daily consumption of gasoline and oil.

The complexities of feeding, clothing and equipping approximately 15,000 men with such items as mosquito bars, webbing, shelter halves, blankets and mess gear are many. A great deal of preparation is required. Plans are made 60 days in advance to insure daily food rations. A board comprising a Fourth Army representative, two post officials and the Div. QM sets up the food schedule from a master menu prepared in Washington.

Following determination of the availability of items, an order for their purchase is placed through a central bureau in New Orleans, the food is brought in and stored in camp warehouses and then drawn on to meet the Division's



SUPPLY is the function of Division Quartermaster. Everything from rations to gasoline comes under the control of the QM. Top photo shows a corner of the warehouse for clothing. The QM's are preparing for the advent of suntans and piles of these summer garments are stacked high. Rations breakdown for the various units is being computed by soldier in lower lefthand photo, while food supplies for the outfits are being loaded on trucks in righthand picture.

needs.

Units make their strength report three days in advance to insure receipt of necessary rations. Their requirements are broken down by 63d QM Co. personnel, picked up by the offices of Regtl. and En. supply and subsequently distributed to companies and batteries according to need.

Food Based on Strength

Food is the only item passing through the Quartermaster's hands that is distributed on the basis of the daily strength reports. All others are requisitioned, from shoe laces to field kitchens.

It is "Service to the Line" in fact as well as purpose.

Above and beyond its function as a militarized mail order house, the section has much to its credit. It's experiments in feeding men in the field from mermite cans achieved Army commendation and approval and was earmarked as SOP. Two months before Blood and Fire kitchens converted to field operation, the QM set up its own ranges outdoors to ferret out and eliminate unanticipated wrinkles.

Once looked upon as a non-combatant arm of the infantry, its men are now sufficiently qualified in the basic principles of warfare to be absorbed by line rifle companies. They are armed and qualified with the carbine, 45-cal. pistol, bazooka and the .50-cal. machine gun. Shortly, the M1 will replace the 1903 Springfield to add firepower to their own arsenal.

Oil is used in India to preserve Army timber.

'Iron Major's' Son Wounded in Italy

The words and deeds of the "Iron Major," the late Frank J. Cavanaugh, were recalled to mind recently when Army casualty lists included the name of S/Sgt. David F. Cavanaugh, who was wounded. Investigation disclosed that the Sergeant was one of seven children, all in the services, of the man whose fame was spread across the nation by the football teams he coached at Fordham, Dartmouth and Boston College.

Recovering from facial wounds suffered in the battle at Cassino, Sgt. Cavanaugh is the "Dear Dave" to whom the Major wrote the stirring letter from France during World War I, a letter that brought the father about as much fame as did his football teams.

NEW ORLEANS—Operators of food handling establishments, including cafes, barrooms, meat markets, grocery stores and similar shops, must have their screen doors and window screens repaired and in good condition by today, according to Dr. John M. Whitney, city Director of Public Health.

TAMPA—Smooth-voiced men who formerly read news reports and portions of novels in all the major cigar factories to ease the boredom of the life of the factory workers, may soon reappear as the result of a request from the workers.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
 Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 6500.
 Chapel No. 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Services, 1500.
 Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000.
 Chapel No. 5, Episcopal Holy Communion Services, 1100.
 Chapel No. 7, 8, 1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Weekdays
 Hq. Bldg. 363d Med. Bn., 1515.
ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
Sunday
 Theater No. 5, 600.
 Theater No. 1, 1039.
 Chapel No. 10, 1100.
Weekday Masses
 Chapel No. 10, Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 1700.
 Chapel No. 10, Tues., Resary, Novena Devotion.
 Chapel No. 10, Saturday, 1500-2100.
JEWISH SERVICES
Today
 Chapel No. 7, Passover Service, 1600.
 Chapel No. 7, Passover Service, 2000.
Sunday
 Chapel No. 8, 1630.
MORMON SERVICES
Sunday
 Chapel No. 5, 1400.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Sunday
 Chapel No. 1, 1100.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Friday
 Chapel No. 2, 1230.

The proportion of general officers to officers and enlisted men in the Army is 1 to 6,630.

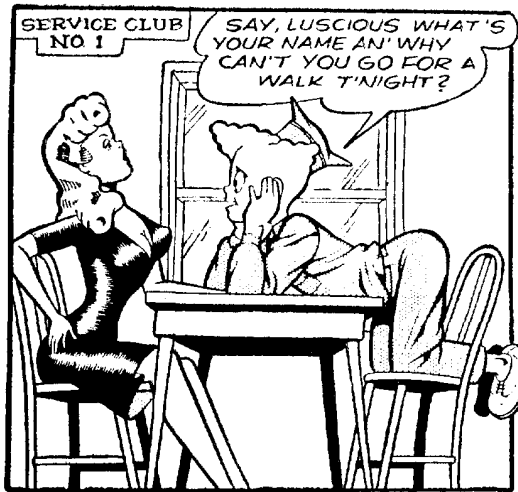
Natchez Is Scene Of Dance Tonight

With a complete new book of orchestrations featuring such tunes as "Dancing in the Dark," "Holiday for Strings" and "Tuxedo Junction," the 14-piece 253d Inf. orchestra under the leadership of Pfc. Ralph Cerasuolo will play for the formal dance at the Municipal Auditorium at Natchez tonight at 2030.

In addition to playing for tonight's dance, the orchestra will play for the broadcast from the Servicemen's Center tomorrow afternoon at 1605. T/5 Fredd Wiener, assistant to Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, 253d special service officer, has written a special script based on the history of jazz.

The City of Natchez, through the Servicemen's Center, offers soldiers free use of the municipal golf links at Duncan Park. Golfers may secure clubs and balls at the caddy-house. A special tour of historic homes in Natchez will be conducted from the Center at 1430 and refreshments will be served at the Center at 1700.

BERNIE BLOOD



A Shock From Nock



By GILL FOX



Whitfield's Home Run Wins for Div. Hq.

Champs Score Five In Fourth to Take First League Tilt

Green League and CT Blue teams, having deferred their respective league starts by a week, bounded into the Division softball tournament with games that equaled earlier CT Red and White tilts in thrills and calibre of playing.

Div. Hq., 1943 champion, inaugurated the pennant chase for the Green circuit on Tuesday with a 5-4 victory over the Ren. Trp., winning when T/Sgt. Jackie Whitfield laced a home run with two on in the fourth to erase the last vestiges of the Keyhole Kids' 4-0 lead.

Ordnance Blanks QM

That game really started the ball a-rolling in the Special Troops loop, for the following day the 763d Ord. Co. executed a 3-0 shut-out of the 63d QM Co. behind the one-hit pitching of Polly, and the 563d Sig. Co. slugged and pitched itself to a 8-4 decision over the 63d MP Plat.

Only CT White teams were inactive during the week. CT Blue got underway when Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 255th Inf., topped Co. F, 6-1. Again it was a home run by S/Sgt. Allie Galasso with two mates aboard that decided that contest.

The smooth-functioning CT Red loop produced another pair of games Tuesday night in which Hq. Btry., 861st P.A., laced Btry. C, 10-4, and the 253d Inf. Medics beat Serv. Co., 6-4.

The tilt between the 253d Inf. combinations and that between Div. Hq. and the Ren. Trp. had the element of similarity in that the fireworks came toward the close of both games. Service Co. loaded the bases in the seventh inning with two runs in and two out. Booth, the Medics' pitcher, proceeded to set down Wagner on strikes and that rally ended with the losers still three runs short of their goal.

Trailed in Fourth

The Division pencil-pushers appeared to be mired in an equally hopeless cause when they went to bat against the Troopers in the last half of the fourth, for Albrecht had allowed them only two hits.

With one down, however, Kies tagged his second hit of the game and came home with the champions' first run on C. Gallagher's double. Successive safeties by McAvoy and Seacat raised the count to 4-2 and with those men on base, Whitfield laced the ball over Manges' head to decide the issue.

Pin Ace to Roll At Alleys No. 1

Interest in bowling will get a "shot in the arm" Wednesday when Walker Ward, representative of the Brunswick-Balke-Candler Co., and an outstanding exponent of the sport, will give an exhibition at Alleys No. 1, 15th Ave., near 19th St.

Ward will display his skill with the bakelite ball in straight and trick shots and probably will answer questions of Blood and Fire enthusiasts who seek more knowledge of the game.

Mexican Horses Out Of Kentucky Derby

MEXICO CITY—The owners of Mexico's two Kentucky Derby entries, Seeing Eye and De Jose H., announced recently that because of lack of transportation the horses will not be taken to Churchill Downs. Don Jose H. is owned by Bruno Paglal of Mexico City. Ben Smith of New York and Jose Herrera of Venezuela and Seeing Eye by G. Z. Carranza.

Dick Bartell Sworn Into Navy Service

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Dick Bartell, 36-year-old New York Giants third baseman, was sworn into the Navy as an apprentice seaman recently. He will leave Monday for the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho.

Jacobson Defeats Goldstein to Win Ping Pong Crown

Pvt. Howard Jacobson, to whom victory comes as easily and steadily as the Mississippi rain, crowned a season of outstanding play at the ping pong tables by winning the 63d Div. championship in the CT White Rec. hall, Thursday evening.

Playing steadily and sturdily, the CT Blue titleholder from Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 255th Inf., scored in straight sets over T/1 Morton Goldstein Btry. B 862D P. A. Bn., to win the championship. The scores were 21-19, 21-13.

The two finalists and Pvt. Jay Castleton of the 763d Ord. Co., comprised the championship draw. While Jacobson drew a bye, Goldstein and Castleton banged it out in a semi-final match to determine Jacobson's rival for the throne. Goldstein achieved the opportunity by scores of 21-15, 21-13.

The Jacobson-Goldstein battle was every bit as close as the scores indicate. There was no steady climb for the victor, for the lead in both sets changed several times. Jacobson, however, was possessed of more versatility and this talent made itself felt as the boys slugged their way to the decisive stages of each game.

CT Baseball Teams Point for Openers

Having gotten a line on their respective talent in numerous practice games, Division baseball teams are going through the final stages of their pre-tournament training in anticipation of the season's start the week of April 24.

Opening games will send CT Blue against the Green League Stars and CT Red against CT White.

That spectators at these games will see some mighty fine players has been demonstrated in the training sessions staged to date. In an informal tilt against the Greenies last week-end, Cpl. Bob Peterson, of CT White, took hold of three pitches for as many home runs.

Cpl. Oscar Miller, erstwhile Cincinnati Reds hurler, and Sgt. Gene Melhall, under contract to the Boston Red Sox, are among the pitchers available to the CT Red staff. The other units have their choice of minor league and college players in determining the makeup of their teams.

The tournament schedule:

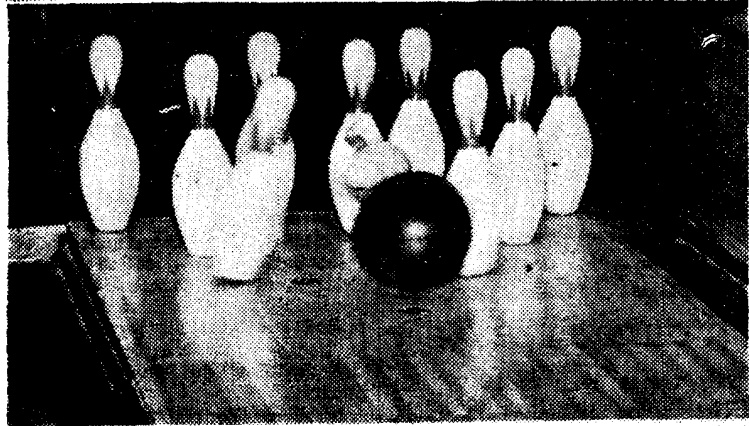
- April 24, CT Blue vs. Green League; CT White vs. CT Red.
- May 1, CT Blue vs. CT Red; CT White vs. Green League.
- May 8, CT Blue vs. CT White; CT Red vs. Green League.
- May 15, CT Blue vs. Green League; CT White vs. CT Red.
- May 22, CT Blue vs. CT Red; CT White vs. Green League.
- May 29, CT Blue vs. CT White; CT Red vs. Green League.

Week in Sports

Barney Ross, once holder of the world's light-weight and welterweight boxing championships, a hero of Guadalcanal, received a medical discharge from the Marine Corps as a consequence of his participation in that campaign. . . . Ernie Lombardi, whose work behind the plate for the Cincinnati Reds contributed much to that club's National League pennant-winning drives in 1939 and 1940, was signed to play with the NY Giants this season. . . . Determined to stifle their activities to war-time conditions, the Philites, Havre de Grace, Laurel and Bowie tracks have jointly sponsored a 28-day horse race meeting, now in progress. . . . Bryant High School, in Astoria, O., made plans to field a football team for the first time next season. . . . Disinclination to call the college football rules committee into session, as announced recently, apparently means freezing of the gridiron code for the duration. . . . Al Schoendienst, Rochester baseball player voted the most valuable in the International League last season, has been accepted for service with the Army.

CT RED VS. CT WHITE

The first meeting of two 63d Div. baseball teams is scheduled for 1:30 today on the diamond behind Theater No. 1 when CT's Red and White play a practice game preliminary to the start of the Blood and Fire tournament.



STRIKE is registered by bowler at top left as soldiers and civilian employees on the post try out the new alleys located on 15th Ave., near 19th St. The building houses 12 alleys and is first one finished of two structures. The other is located at 10th St. near 8th Ave. It is scheduled to be ready for use around May 1.

Troops Overseas Will Hear Results of Big Loop Games

Wherever they may be, American troops overseas will get their major league baseball this season through the armed forces radio service.

In India or Africa, England or Italy, the games will be short-waved to the boys who know the bleachers, hot dogs and soda pop as a very realistic part of their way of life.

And the boys won't have to wonder who won the game, for a recent War Department bulletin discloses that arrangements for the broadcasts and rebroadcasts take in only the latter stages of the contests and will be made so that the programs reach the troops at convenient listening hours.

Each Sunday during the season

the last hour of a major league baseball game will be short-waved from an East Coast station to England and North Africa beginning at 3:30 p. m., E. W. T.

The last 45 minutes of a major league game also will be sent into the same theaters Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 3:30 p. m., E. W. T.

From two West Coast stations, the last hour of a Pacific Coast league game will be short-waved to South America, Central America, the Antilles, Caribbean, Alaska and Aleutian areas, beginning at 2:30 p. m., Pacific war time.

A half-hour re-creation of a major league game will be beamed by five West Coast stations to the same locations five days a week and also to the South Pacific, Southwest Pacific and the China-Burma-India theaters.

Utah Cage Twins Now Play on Tennis Squad

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—Bob and Fred Lewis, members of Utah's NCAA championship basketball squad, are "doubling" in tennis, too. The twins are on the varsity team.

Heineman Set for Navy

EL PASO—Ken Heineman, former Texas College of Mines star who led the National Football League in kickoff returns as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers team last season, has passed his pre-induction physical and is headed for the Navy. He is married and the father of one child.

England was the first country to form societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.



The Lineups

GREEN LEAGUE						763d Ord.									
AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H				
CV'nigh, 3b	1	0	0	Sch mpr, c	3	0	0	Paris, ss	2	0	0	Hughes, p	2	0	1
Chinn, rf	1	0	0	Bowman, sf	1	0	0	Melise, 1b	2	0	0	O'Brien, 1b	3	0	1
Pianese, cf	1	0	0	Towell, lf	2	1	1	Bach, 2b	2	0	0	Gick, 3b	1	0	0
Pirtek, lf	2	0	0	Karafa, cf	1	0	0	Kellam, cf	2	0	0	Tavel, cf	2	0	1
Hull, c	2	0	0	McGon, ss	1	0	0	Vanetta, p	2	0	0	Patoky, 2b	1	1	1
Totals	21	0	0	Totals	15	3	5								

Div. Hq.						Ren. Trp.									
AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H				
Scipio, 1b	2	0	0	Verow, 2b	2	1	1	Parry, ss	2	0	0	Carriero, ss	3	0	2
Finnigan, 3b	2	0	0	Stewart, cf	2	0	0	Kies, c	2	1	2	Cut, 3b	5	1	1
Gallagher, lf	2	1	1	Mills, 1b	2	0	1	McAvoy, 2b	2	1	1	Waugh, cf	3	0	1
Seacat, p	2	1	1	Manges, lf	4	1	1	Whitfield, cf	2	1	1	Kelly, rf	3	1	1
Pitler, rf	1	0	0	Brickley, c	2	0	2	Ericson, cf	2	0	0	Albrecht, p	2	0	0
Totals	19	5	7	Totals	25	4	11								

Hq. 2d Bn.						CT BLUE									
AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H				
Hill, c	3	0	0	Hughes, p	3	1	2	A. G'aso, p	3	1	1	Peden, ss	3	0	1
Henry, 1b	3	0	0	Weinst, 2b	3	0	1	Pierre, 2b	3	1	1	Ward, 3b	3	1	2
Marlin, 3b	2	0	0	Hall, 1b	4	0	1	Phillips, cf	0	0	0	Bellwitz, cf	2	1	2
Landy, lf	2	0	0	Dawson, cf	2	0	0	Phillips, cf	3	0	0	Rivers, c	2	0	0
Smith, lf	3	2	2	DeMaria, rf	2	0	1	Anand, cf	0	0	0	Pepe, c	0	0	0
Latour, ss	3	0	0	Strzelki, lf	2	0	2	Smith, lf	3	2	2	Doss, lf	1	0	0
Totals	27	5	9	Totals	25	4	10								

Hq. 861st						CT RED									
AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H	AB	R	H				
Myers, 2b	4	1	1	Wirkku, 2b	3	1	1	Welch, c	4	1	0	Dewey, c	4	1	1
Leahy, ss	3	1	1	Hilling, rf	3	0	1	Sch'kch, 2b	4	1	1	Hilling, rf	4	0	1
Bailey, c	4	1	1	Hammill, 1b	3	0	1	D'Ph'nt, 1b	4	1	1	Pauch, lf	3	0	1
Phillips, 3b	3	1	0	Boling, 1b	3	0	1	Kinnis, cf	3	1	2	Wagner, 2b	3	0	0
Kapella, lf	2	0	0	Banks, 2b	3	0	1	Sherman, ss	3	2	1	Ryk'ski, 1b	3	0	0
Hartig, cf	4	0	0	McGregor, cf	2	0	0	Kalaza, lf	1	0	0	R'dib'gh, p	3	1	1
Ellis, 1b	4	0	0	Venski'ski, lf	2	1	0	Williams, rf	4	0	0	Metc, 3b, cf	3	1	1
Memoli, cf	3	1	0	Little, rf	3	0	0	King, 2b	3	0	0	W'n'r, cf, 3b	3	0	1
Boring, lf	2	1	0	Hobbs, 2b	3	0	2	Stingo, cf	2	0	0	Spradin, cf	3	0	1
Gericke, p	3	1	1	Trajillo, cf	2	0	0	Booth, p	3	0	0	Zabarki, ss	3	0	0
Palermo, lf	2	1	0	Deark, p	1	1	1	Tindall, lf	1	0	0				
Totals	34	10	5	Totals	29	4	7								

Night baseball was introduced to major league fans by Larry McPhail, now an Army officer, at Cincinnati in 1935.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

263d Engr. Bn.—Latest promotions in the battalion include the advancement of T/Sgt. Carl W. Hendricks to first sergeant of Co. B and the following other promotions: To staff sergeant, Sgt. Thomas J. Steinmetz and T/4 Michael Klucznik; to sergeant, T/5 Fred H. Vateky; to T/4, T/5s John E. Hanawalt, Carl S. Rusnak and Olin O. Wilson; to T/5, Pfc. Athol B. Anderson, Willard M. Christensen, Thomas S. Jensen, Elwyn S. Krous, Karl H. Meyer, Clyde A. Shepherd, Carl J. Schorn, Dick W. Armstrong, Burton L. Alms, Otto V. Deninno, Elmer J. Hess and Edwin L. Wielczyk.

63d QM Co.—Promotions announced at a retreat parade this week include those of Pfc. Roland Snow to corporal; the following Pfc. to T/5: Charles Eckert, Joe Macaluso, Clebert Kellem, James Rice, Edgar Fulton and Charles Derbin, and the following privates to Pfc.: Larry Wondrack, Gordon Whiteley, Walter DeVries and George Bodell. . . . The company has a new officer, 1st Lt. Buford H. Roswell. . . . Sgt. Harold Hayes is the new supply sergeant. . . . Sgts. Lou Argiel, Bill Standage and Russell Vanella have taken over the 1st, 2d and 3d Trucks Plats., respectively, and S/Sgt. Scott Finefrock has taken over Serv. Plat. . . . Capt. Ferdinand D. Schaeffer, of the Office of Div. QM, has returned from the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Va.

253d Inf.—S/Sgt. Ray Neri, Co. L, former commercial artist from Connecticut and New York, has joined the staff of the training aids shop at CT Red Rec. Hall. . . . Pfc. Howard Connolly, another former commercial artist and illustrator in the office, has been advanced to corporal. He is directing activities at the shop under Lt. John Swenson, orientation officer. . . . Capt. Jasper H. Ayer, C. O., and Richard G. Cox were hosts at a party for Hq. and Hq. Co., last week. . . . S/Sgt. Al Welch, of the dispensary staff, arrived at his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., during the wee hours and decided to take a nap on the front porch. A solicitous newsboy roused him with the warning, "You'd better wake up or you'll be arrested." . . . Lt. Patrick McVerry, special services officer, is hospitalized with a tick-bite infection. . . . Hq. & Hq. Co.'s orderly room probably is the only one to boast wallpaper. It is the work of T/5 Anthony Przylocki. . . . Pvt. Edward Giddings, Co. H, received the deed to his home in Oregon as a birthday gift from his wife. He also won \$200 in a parchesi game and left on furlough the following day. . . . T/5 William Hopp, Serv. Co., received an air mail letter from the WAC Det., right here in camp.

254th Inf.—Lt. J. D. Neuman is new orientation officer at AT Co. . . . Recent promotions in Co. A include those of Sgt. Leo J. Souey to staff sergeant; Cpls. Joseph A. Drinkwater and Arnold T. Long to sergeant and Pvts. Stanley E. Orlicki and Norbert R. Robakowski to Pfc.

255th Inf.—Promotions announced this week by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander, include those of Sgts. John N. Wertz and Frederick A. Martin, both of AT Co., and Floyd Midyette, Co. L, all to staff sergeant; Cpl. William J. Maffia, Co. L, to sergeant; T/5 Court R. Henkel, Regtl. Hq. Co., to T/4 and Pvt. Joseph Schachner, Regtl. Hq. Co., and Pfc. Theodore Schaupp, Co. L, both to corporal.

718th F. A.—Lt. Michael McKillop is making good on a promise to throw a party for men of the 4th Sec. Btry. B, who loaded and fired their howitzer in nine seconds. The men are Sgt. Paul D. Burden, section chief; Cpl. Alfred J. East, gunner; Cpl. James D. Bell, ammunition corporal; Pfc. Steven Bernol, Pfc. James R. Campbell, Pvt. Demsey C. Joyner, Pvt. Curry M. Parker and T/5 Gaylor M. Stumple, driver. . . . Pvt. Earl J. Kreider, of the wire squad of Btry. B, was laying an overhead wire when he humped into a hornet's nest. Just as he was about to drop from the tree he saw a large black snake coiled at the foot of the tree.

Rept. Tng. Grp.—Officers, NCOs and privates in Co. 5 are planning a company party in the near future. . . . Pvt. Danny Benson, Co. 5, wants to sell a beer garden in Cleveland, Ohio, with the stipulation that he be allowed to return and aid in sales and deplete some of the stock. . . . While on the subject of refreshment, we mention Pvt. Bob Leavit. Owner of a popular downtown bar also in Cleveland, he received a splash in one of his home town newspapers because he left the management of his business to his employees who divide the profits while the boss is in the Army. Leavit also gets his share for the duration. . . . Pvt. M. C. Ryan, Jr., Co. 4, prefers the Pacific for his combat duty. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. . . . Pvt. John Bradley, Co. 4, was awakened recently by the CQ with a telegram announcing that Bradley's wife had given birth to a son. Bradley is not married; the message was for another John Bradley.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Three promotions in Div. Hq. were announced this week. T/Sgt. Frank J. Scarpinato, AGO, was promoted to master sergeant, and T/3 Victor M. Hastings, also of AGO, was promoted to technical sergeant. T/5 William G. Craven, G-4 Sec., was raised to T/4. . . . The promotion of S/Sgt. John M. Phillips to first sergeant was announced at retreat Wednesday. Sgt. Phillips has been acting first sergeant of Hq. Co., for several months. . . . Other new promotions in Hq. Co., include those of Sgt. Charles McLennon to staff sergeant, T/5 Alexander Premek to T/4 and the following Pfc. to T/5: Williams H. Barnett, Richard L. Belmore, Lovat G. Davidson, Cortland L. Kuehner, Carl J. Voegeli, Kenneth E. Clouse, Israel E. Glenn, Ernest B. Richardson, Claude M. Sautley, Paul Terefenko, Frank L. Thompson, Arnold C. McDonald and John D. Warren. . . . Eight men in the Med Det. of Hq. Sp. Trps. were promoted recently. They were S/Sgt. Ray L. Anderson to technical sergeant; Sgt. Roger O. Moorhead, to T/3; T/5 France R. Doss to sergeant; T/5 Francis X. Munsch to T/4 and the following to T/5: Donald J. DeZeeuw, David B. Grothaus, Jr., Millard E. Matter and Morris L. Seibelman. . . . The week's prize for goofing off with the headgear goes to T/4 Arthur M. Christiansen, G-2 Sec. Tuesday noon he walked out of the office wearing a helmet belonging to Lt. Harry W. Wyre, S-2 of the 263d Engrs., and the same evening he appeared for chow wearing the helmet of Capt. Joseph S. Kantor, Asst. A. C. of S. G-2. Chris said he wondered why he was drawing salutes on the road.



AWARDS for winning the Division Orientation honors for the month of March went to Serv. Btry., 861st F. A. at a retreat parade held Wednesday afternoon. Brig Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, is shown congratulating Capt. John B. Tepe, Btry. commander who holds certificate, while Col. John Mesick, executive officer of Div. Artillery, holding plaque, looks on.

March Orientation Awards Are Made At Retreat Parade

Awards for winning Div. orientation honors for the month of March were presented to Service Btry., 861st F. A. and to Div. Arty., at a retreat parade held Wednesday afternoon.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant Div. commander and director of orientation for the 63d, made the presentations just before men of Div. Artillery passed in review.

The presentations marked the second month in a row in which the award has been won by a unit from Div. Arty. Hq. Btry., Division Artillery won the February prize.

Gen. Harris presented the Div. award, a plaque, to T/5 Leon H. Becker, enlisted orientation assistant to Lt. Winford F. Emerson, Jr., orientation officer. Col. John Mesick, Div. Arty. executive officer, presented a framed certificate to Becker. The plaque is held from month to month by the organization winning the award for that particular month, the certificate is retained permanently.

Capt. John B. Tepe, Btry. Commander, and Lt. Emerson, were congratulated by Gen. Harris for the over-all excellence of the winning orientation center. Witnessing the presentations was Lt. David H. Duffy, acting division special service officer, and assistant director of orientation.

Other units of Div. Arty. singled out for honorable mention because of the calibre of their orientation work were: Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., which placed second, commanded by Lt. Atwood L. Rice, Jr., Lt. Harry H. Heck, is orientation officer, assisted by Pvt. Howard L. Van Dyck. Third place went to Hq. Btry., 862d F. A. Bn., commanded by Capt. John H. Mercer, Jr., with Lt. Clarence G. Smith, orientation officer, and T/4 Theodore Geiger, assistant, Serv. Btry., 718th F. A. Bn., was fourth.

73 Enlisted Men Promoted by 718th

Seventy-three enlisted men of the 718th F. A. were named in promotion lists published this week. Three were promoted to staff sergeant, one to sergeant, eight to T/4, 18 to corporal and 43 to T/5.

- The list follows:
- To staff sergeant: Arthur F. Wiggin, Richard L. Rogers and Stanley Mersky.
 - To sergeant: Joseph C. Bujakowski.
 - To T/4: Joseph R. Griswold, James Cannel, Miles Coleman, Clair Hammer, Dennis Martin, Edward Tuschinski, Wilbur Harrington and Edward Schubert.
 - To corporal: George English, Alfred Rosett, Donald Holden, Walter Repke, Michael White, Richard Peltzer, Harold Hodges, Anthony Carozza, Robert McCarthy, Murray Bolton, Steve Scherbo, Ivan Heyland, John O'Reilly, Cooper McCoy, Leonard Franklin, Gunnary Johnson, Patrick Cerbo and Thomas Sellers.
 - To T/5: George Grube, George Torres, Robert Fullwinkel, Arthur Massarelli, William Dougherty, Roscoe Crosswell, Walter Robby, Harold Miller, Clarence Buchhofer, Sylvester Aleninski, Thomas Torpin, Dale Beightel, James Campbell, Charles Crist, Lee Taylor, David Renowden, Samuel Neville, Peter Puraleski, George Neumann, Theodore Palumbo, Roy Doytong, William Hoover, Russel Krause, Victor Melim, Henry Pariseau, Paul Baker, Philip Scott, Edward Cole, Glenn Taylor, William De Bartolo, Lloyd Short, Walter Swiatkowski, Bernard Haines, Warren Snyder, Anthony Kikka, David Foster, Elmer T. Pierce, Robert Lee, John Motter, Joseph Lang, Ernest Usher, Fred Lukson and Robert C. Lamb.

Infantry Seals Victory, General McNair Declares

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Infantrymen that they may well be proud of the fact that to the battle honored branch of the service now come the all-around champions of the Army—the lads with outstanding versatility.

Besides being robust and durable, the foot soldier of today must also be keen and alert to master the intricacies of some 15 weapons. He must be inherently ingenious, resourceful and self-reliant, for not since the Indian wars, the article points out, has the individual soldier been so much on his own. He must have intelligence, initiative and cunning because he faces the craftiest of foes. And since he ultimately faces them toe to toe, hand to hand, he must, above all, have guts. For the cold courage of the bayonet duel is different than all other brands of courage.

The article cites the rapid advance of the American infantry through Sicily and in contrast to its slow progress on New Georgia, where six days and nights of bitter fighting netted 300 yards, as examples of the courage and resourcefulness of the Doughboys. The General speaks of the blistering desert, the steaming jungle, the frozen Aleutians, the Italian mud, and weeks of relentless rain, 48-hour marches, days and nights without food or water or proper sleep, as further evidence of the fact that the Infantrymen can take it.

Infantrymen at Front
The General emphasizes the fact that the front line shown on every war map is where the infantryman is—week upon week, month upon month, without respite. He pays tribute to the support given by artillery and airplanes. "This support is behind him and above him. In front of him there is nothing

but the enemy," the General declares.

The article cites the basic principle of infantry operations in the conquering of Attu where practically every Jap there was killed despite American sea and air superiority in the area for months. Kiska was another example where the enemy was defeated on land with rifle and bayonet. In Africa, New Guinea, the Solomons, the Gilberts, on Tarawa, step-by-step progress is measured by the same action.

Our control of the sea and air of Italy is complete and overwhelming, yet the going on land has been tough, says the General. Advances come only when infantrymen climb these crags and throw the enemy from their protective caves bodily.

"The might of the German Army has stemmed from its infantry; the most formidable branch of the Japanese forces is their foot soldiers. Our progress along the road to victory must be paced off by the man with the rifle, by his brains, his fortitude, and his fighting heart," the article states.

"We are fighting this war to the finish. And whether he travels to work in a glider or a truck; a jeep, a parachute or a landing craft, that finish will be fought by the infantryman on foot.

"The infantryman has the post of honor. He is in the vanguard. He finds pride and satisfaction in doing, enduring, and giving the most.

"Mothers of the infantry," the article concludes, "I salute your sons!"

A 95 per cent cut has been made in the production time of making a typical fighter plane, the West Coast Aircraft War Production Council, Inc., reports.

Male Call

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



Forecastle Armor





CAMDEN, Ark.—A switching locomotive, apparently unmaneuvered, backed out of the Cotton Belt railroad yards on to a main line, roared backward three miles down the track and smashed into an incoming freight train. The engineer, fireman and brakeman of the freight were killed. The runaway locomotive was demolished and the big freight locomotive and 12 freight cars were derailed.

KANSAS CITY—The identification bracelet which Bette Lou Noonan, of Wollbach, Neb., lost last Christmas was returned by a soup packing plant here. "We found a bracelet bearing your name and address inside a cow's stomach," an employe of the cattle slaughtering division wrote. "We hope the wearer wasn't included in the cow's diet."

HOPE, Ark.—One of Arkansas' largest theaters, the Saenger, was destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$55,000. The theater was thought to have been struck by lightning during a severe electrical storm which swept the city at daylight.

DALLAS, Tex.—Burglars put a new touch on the safecracking business in looting a motor supply company's strong box. They placed the safe on the firm's 40-ton hydraulic press and mashed it open. The loot was \$2,000 and two pistols.

CHICAGO—Twin beds, says Judge Frank Donohue of Women's Court, are an "unholy system" and they should be thrown out of American homes. "The invention, innovation or introduction of twin beds into the marital boudoir has caused more dissension, distrust and disunity resulting in divorce than any other single factor," he said. Judge Donohue urged "Government subsidies for the full use of a good old-fashioned marital bed" and suggested legislation against twin beds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—A policeman noticed a light inside a voting booth. In response to a knock, an elderly man appeared clad in a bathrobe. A pot of pie, knuckles and sauerkraut was simmering on a stove and the place was equipped with cooking utensils and canned food. The occupant told the officer he had had an argument with his daughter, with whom he had been living, and had moved into the voting booth.

CHICAGO—The Chicago Tribune announced that it had applied to the War Production Board for newspaper to start a new morning newspaper in Milwaukee.

NEW YORK—Mrs. Frances Sheldon Whitehouse, who died here recently at the age of 91, was famous the world over as the oldest woman ever to fly the Atlantic. She flew from Lisbon to New York by clipper in 1910.

NORWALK, Conn.—There was a hot time in Norwalk the other night when 60,000 quarts of distilled spirits, including bonded 100-proof whiskeys, were placed on sale to satisfy a treasury claim against a local distilling firm for unpaid taxes. At the conclusion of the sale there wasn't a bottle of rye, bourbon or Scotch, or even a dry cork left on the shelves, and thirsty Norwalkers were headed home loaded down with the ingredients for the happiest weekend they had enjoyed since the spirit shortage started.

OKLAHOMA CITY—Dr. Carl R. Bailey applied to the OPA for permission to buy a new automobile. "Are you engaged in production of essential materials?" he was asked. "Yes," the doctor replied, "babies." He got the permit.

NEW HEAVEN, Conn.—Dr. E. M. Jellinek is director of the section on Alcohol Studies of the Yale University Laboratory of Applied Physiology but when a friend asked his 8-year-old daughter what her daddy did for a living, she replied: "He teaches the boys at Yale how to drink."

63d Postal Officer Warns of Increase In Air Mail Rates

Many men of the Division apparently are not aware of the increase in air mail rates which became effective recently, and letters are being returned to them for insufficient postage. Lt. Andrew H. Romaniszin, Division postal officer, warned this week.

The new air mail rate is eight cents an ounce. Either the new olive green eight-cent stamps may be used, or the old six-cent stamps plus two cents postage. These rates apply to air mail between two post offices in the continental United States and Canada.

Air mail rates to and from servicemen overseas remain at six cents per half-ounce. This mail is flown overseas when space permits. Even faster and more sure is V-Mail, which always is flown, which gets priority in the mails, which cannot be lost and which may be sent free by servicemen.

Rates on numerous other classes of postal service also were increased recently. Parcel post rates have been increased about 3 per cent. The registry fee has been increased to 20 cents for \$5 and proportionately for large amounts up to \$1.35 for \$1,000. Insurance fees have increased, the lowest being 10 cents for articles valued up to \$5. Money order fees have been raised approximately four cents.

Soldiers using the free mail privilege will not be affected, but their families will, by an increase of local postage rates on letters from two to three cents. The familiar red two-cent stamp is practically gone as postage on ordinary letters.

Rates also have been increased on COD shipments, on return receipts for registered mail and on books, catalogs and library books.

Special delivery rates remain unchanged, as do those on third class mail. Thus it still is possible to send home an ordinary issue of BLOOD AND FIRE for 1½ cents. The third class rate is 1½ cents for two ounces or fractions thereof.

Gls in Southeast Favor Non-Fiction

ATLANTA, Ga.—Soldiers stationed at posts and camps in the seven Southeastern states like their reading on the heavier side, says a report released by the 4th Service Command, showing that 35 per cent of the books loaned by the post libraries are non-fiction.

In this respect the men at Camp Croft, S. C., read a greater percentage of non-fiction than at any other post, 55.1 per cent. Among these, "Battle Is the Payoff," Ingersoll; "Burna Surgeon," Seagrave; "C/O Postmaster," St. George; "Der Fuehrer," Heiden; "God Is My Co-Pilot," Scott, and "Here Is Your War," Ernie Pyle, are leaders in popularity. Non-fiction publications such as atlases, dictionaries, books on marriage, mathematics, psychology and radio always are in demand.

Fiction titles that are leaders are: "The Apostle," Asch; "Congo Song," Cloete; "Hungry Hill," DuMaurier, and Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

The soldiers like plenty of reading. Figures reveal that during the month of February, 11,090 books were loaned by libraries at the various posts. With a figure of 9,327, Ft. Bragg was ahead for the month with the greatest number of books loaned.

Army hospitals' volume of books loaned ran to high figures with Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, leading the list with 7,439 books loaned during the month with 33.7 per cent being non-fiction.

Prisoner of war camps have their libraries and in February 1,590 books were loaned, 40.8 per cent being non-fiction.

Danes Destroy Nazi Propaganda Movies

LONDON (CNS)—Six armed Danish patriots forced their way into the projection room of a Copenhagen movie theater, stole the reels of a German propaganda film and destroyed them, according to a Swedish broadcast recorded here. None of the customers of the theater complained.



WOOD CARVER, soap sculptor and painter is T.S. Waldo Schumaker of Cn. Co., 255th Inf., who is shown carving the figure of a girl out of a block of mahogany. Schumaker built his own home back in a suburb of Decatur, Ill., when he was a civilian.

Schumaker, 255th Sculptor, Built Own Home in Illinois

Many men go through much of their lives with the vision of a home of their own ever before them, a home built according to their own specifications and by their own hands.

At 29, that goal already is an accomplished fact for T.S. Waldo Schumaker of Cn. Co., 255th Inf. His Cape Cod style home in a suburb of Decatur, Ill., was designed, built and to a great extent paid for by this former commercial artist and his wife, Jane.

It took three years to do the job. It was hard labor but it was a labor of love marked with a great deal of satisfaction and adventure.

Bought School House

The purchase of a school house—for \$59.00—started Schumaker and his wife on the way to the creation of their seven-room house. Decatur's Board of Education found itself with an obsolete frame building on its hands and the Schumakers, husband and wife for just one year, bid it in as the first step toward realization of a place of their own.

From then on Schumaker's business acumen went to work. One prime requisite for this dream house was a prominent, sturdy fireplace and chimney. That problem was met and solved when Decatur tore down its old sandstone courthouse and agreed to let this apprentice from the Wabash railroad have the material without cost providing it was moved without expense to the County.

Schumaker was after a home but he wasn't inclined to place himself in debt for life to get it—and cartage charges for such heavy loads would in themselves have been enough to place him in that position. So he built himself a trailer to hitch behind his car, fashioned an extension tongue so long pieces of lumber could be hauled, and his major problem of supply was solved.

Constructed Fireplace

A former art student who makes a hobby of wood carving, Schumaker found there was slight difference in working with stone in the construction of the fireplace and chimney. Grained like wood, it could be split or cut the same way. But homes are not built with wishes. Schumaker was a sculptor in wood but not a carpenter. He solved that one by working from a hand manual. Mrs. Schumaker had been a secretary before their marriage, but she helped too, with hammer and saw.

Time also was a problem; there was that job with the Wabash line. However, the evenings were not always dark, there were flashlights and candles, and, what if it did

take two months to move the salvage from the court house and three months just to build fireplace and chimney?

The home was taking shape and finally, when Schumaker answered the call for induction last September, the many-gabled house sat on a plot of ground 90x157 and was touched with the white picket fence without which no dream home is ever complete.

With reference to his sculptoring to which he devotes much of his spare time these days, Schumaker hopes for the opportunity to etch one of his Company's howitzers, complete with crew, in lasting wood.

Nine Are Cited In 254th School

One officer and nine enlisted men receiving highest ratings in the Ranger School last month were cited by Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, commander of the 254th Inf.

Commendations for superior performance were given to Lt. Archelaus L. Hamblen, Jr., of the 254th Cn. Co., T/Sgt. John J. Agogino, Co. G, S/Sgt. Charles White, AT Co., 1st Sgt. James D. Snider, Co. L, and 1st Sgt. James A. Hon, Co. M.

Five other enlisted men who attained high ratings at the school included S/Sgt. Charles Jenkins, Co. I, S/Sgt. Howard L. Edwards, Co. G, S/Sgt. Stanley A. Kundzicz, Co. C, S/Sgt. Rupert S. Boone, Cn. Co., and S/Sgt. Alden M. McCrosberg, Hq. Co.

Entomologists have found that moth worms live as long as 67 days at a temperature of about 20 F.

Over 500 Attend Passover Seder At Artillery Hall

The observance of Passover, commemorating the deliverance of the Jews from bondage in Egypt, which has been under way since Friday, April 7, will be concluded today with services in camp chapels.

Last Friday night the National Jewish Welfare Board in cooperation with 63d Div. officials, sponsored a Passover Seder at Div. Arty Rec. Hall for over 500 men of Jewish Faith at the Camp. Chaplain Aaron Kahan led the religious services held in Chapel No. 7 earlier in the evening, and later conducted the Seder, assisted by Pvt. Norman Bellink and Cpl. Eva K. Parr of the WAC Detachment. Division Chaplain William E. Patrick delivered a short address.

The Rec. Hall was decorated with banked evergreens, and camouflage nets hung from the ceiling gave a tent-like effect. A huge mural which covered the entire stage opening, the work of Pfc. Harold Bernstein and Pvt. Benjamin Glicker, both of Co. A, 605th Camouflage Engineer Battalion, depicted Moses handing the Ten Commandments to his people.

The dinner was prepared by several mess sergeants of Jewish faith assisted by civilian women. Members of the PTD helped in the decoration of the hall.

More than 200 Jewish soldiers from the Camp enjoyed Seders at New Orleans, Brookhaven, Natchez and Baton Rouge. Home hospitality was extended visitors by members of the Jewish Communities in those localities.

A Passover snack bar has been in operation throughout the past week at the Hq. mess hall of the 862d F. A. The bar was maintained through the cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Board. Passover food packages containing delicacies was distributed to Jewish hospital patients by Samuel Schuster, a Jewish Welfare Board director from Centerville.

CT White Gives Natchez Program

Members of the CT White Athletic and Recreation Office under Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, helped the people of Natchez and soldiers from the 63d Division celebrate the Easter week-end last Saturday and Sunday.

The 254th Inf. orchestra led by Pfc. Gordon Bland, played for the Easter formal held at the Municipal Auditorium Saturday night. Miss Carrie Burkin, captain of Co. B, Military Maids, led the grand march with Pfc. Albert Barkowski, of Cn. Co., 255th Inf. The auditorium was decorated with Easter bunnies and flags of the United Nations.

Sunday afternoon's broadcast from the Servicemen's Center was handled by Cpl. Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White, assisted by the 254th orchestra. The theme was based on a story of the "Christ of the Battlefields," which emanates from World War I. Cpl. Heath and Pfc. Dolin blended music, poetry and narration into the story that went over the air. Selections played by the orchestra were: "The Anniversary Waltz," "Old Gray Bonnet," Moonlight Madonna, and "Taps."

DIETROIT—Plagued with rats, John Gremblewski prepared a tasty ham sandwich, then poisoned it and left it for the rodents. Later he became hungry and ate the sandwich himself. Doctors say he will live.



PASSOVER feast participated in by over 500 members of the Jewish faith was held at Div. Arty Rec. Hall, Friday night, April 7. At the guest table, left to right, Chaplain Aaron Kahan, Jewish chaplain, Division Chaplain William E. Patrick, and Pvt. Norman Bellink, chaplain's assistant, who acted as cantor.