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Division All-Stars To Meet Pelicans At Camp Tuesday

The 63d Division will inaugurate its baseball season in impressive fashion Tuesday afternoon when an all-star team composed of outstanding players from various combat teams and special troops, plays the strong New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association at the Parade Grounds at 1600.

All training schedules in the division will end at 1530 on the day of the game in order to give soldiers an opportunity to witness the contest. In the event of rain special programs will be presented for the men at the combat teams and special troops rec halls.

The contest will be witnessed by officials of the Division and the 63d band will play.

Fourth in Standing

The Pelicans finished fourth in the standing of the Southern Association last season and this season boast a new manager in the person of Fresno Thompson, former major league player. The Birds have been touring various Army camps in preparation for their opening league game of the 1944 season with Birmingham at New Orleans.

Tuesday's game was arranged through Lt. Bernard Levkoff, in charge of athletics for Division Special Services. The visiting team is expected to reach Camp Van Dorn at 1100 Tuesday morning and will hold a short workout before the game.

The baseball diamond at the Parade Grounds, directly in back of Division Artillery Rec. Hall at 13th Ave., and 15th St., has been specially graded and prepared by Post Engineers.

Four Hurlers Ready

Lt. Levkoff who will supervise the Division team, will have four capable hurlers available. Likely starter is Cpl. Kenneth Clouse of Div. Hq. Co., who pitched for the Harrisburg Senators of the New York-Penn League. Clouse is a right hander and has plenty of stuff on the ball. He has been handicapped this season however, by insufficient practice.

Others who will be ready to (Continued on Page 6)

Bayonet Drill is Easy For National Fencing Ace

When Errol Flynn carves his way through a wall of human flesh and flashing blades with a dueling sword it's strictly the old fakeroo, according to Pfc. George Worth, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf., member of the U. S. National Saber Team and third ranking fencer in the country.

"Every move in a Hollywood duel is figured out in advance and has no relation to actual fencing," says slim, debonair Worth, who has won more than 350 medals as a member of the Hungarian National Fencing Team, the Cuban National Fencing Team and the Amateur Fencing League of America.

Paul Lukas Can Fence

"The only real fencer in pictures is Paul Lukas who was born in Hungary, where dueling is the national sport," he continued.

Pvt. Worth, who was born in Budapest, Hungary, 29 years ago, learned to fence as a boy and later became master of the art when, at 18 he was the youngest second lieutenant in the Hungarian Army, where fencing is compulsory.

"Our normal training was with blunted swords but any insult could only result in an actual duel with naked blades. Anyone who refused

Now Its Dinah's

Last fall when Movie Actress Dinah Shore, the soldier's sweetheart, visited members of the 63d Division at Camp Van Dorn she rode around in the maroon and natural wood station wagon of Lt. Col. John M. Hardaway, Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2. "If you ever want to sell this car let me know, will you?" Dinah said at the end of the day. Col. Hardaway has just returned from a leave on which he drove his wife to their permanent residence in California. He returned minus his car—while on the West Coast he took Dinah at her word. She's now driving it up and down Hollywood Blvd.

Lloyd Nolan Visits Men of 63d Division

Lloyd Nolan, who has starred in several two-fisted film dramas portraying the rugged life of soldiers and marines at the battle fronts, was the guest of the 63d Div. Thursday when he toured Division areas with Lt. David H. Duffy, acting special services officer.

Actor Nolan, whose role in the photoplay "Guadalcanal" was outstanding, arrived in Camp Van Dorn Wednesday and visited areas occupied by special troops of the Fourth Army and the 21st Corps.

On Thursday Nolan visited men of Btry. A, 861st F. A. at their mess, and entertained them with anecdotes and jokes. He then toured areas occupied by Combat teams, Red, White and Blue including the rec halls and theaters in each locality.

Nolan's visit concluded a tour of Mississippi and Louisiana Army camps.

253d Group Entertains At Station Hospital

Dance music by the 253d Inf. band and skits by the "Weber and Fields" of the same regiment, Cpl. Joseph Pollock and T/5 Fredd Wiener, provided entertainment for convalescents and hospital personnel at the Red Cross auditorium at Station Hospital last night.

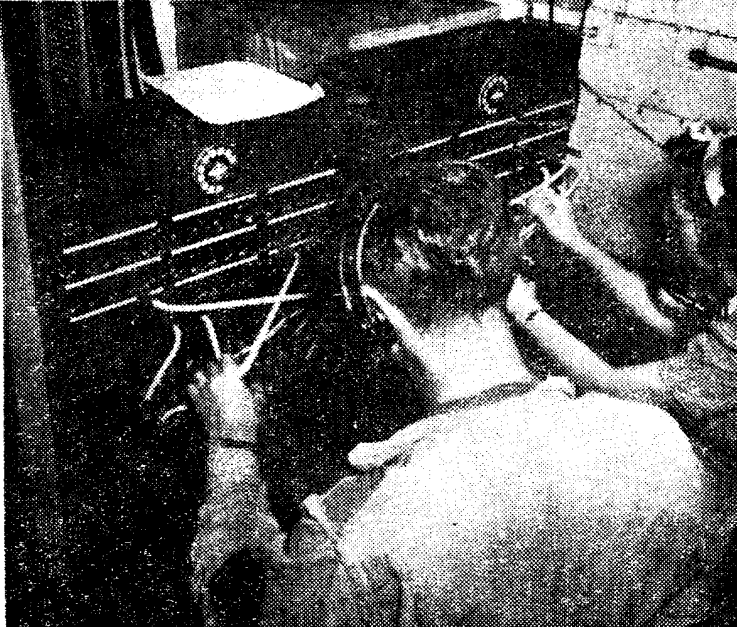
a challenge was court martialled. Duels can be decided on 'first blood' or when one duelist quits.



PFC. GEORGE WORTH

according to the degree of insult," he explained.

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AT YOUR SERVICE is M. Sgt. Vincent J. Mellin, 263d Signal Co. telephone operator, as he plugs connections alongside Bobbie Ruth Gates, Bell System operator here, during last week when 63d Division Signalmen helped out after fire gutted regular phone exchange.

LSU Co-Ed Cast to Present Show; 'Robin Hood' Due Here May 6

Two special performances of Shreveport, La., and Camp Polk, Leesville, La.

Errolle, the director, is a former Reginald de Koven's operetta, "Robin Hood," the Louisiana State University opera for 1944, will be given for members of the 63d Div. in Theater No. 1 Saturday, May 6.

More than 125 university students, both men and women, are members of the cast, chorus and orchestra of the operetta, which will tour Louisiana Army camps next week.

The performances here were requested specifically by the Division Special Services office because the tenor lead is being sung in every performance by Sgt. John Campbell, of the Division Band. Sgt. Campbell, on detached service at the university, sang for the last six years in New York operas and in a number of churches. He is a native of Topeka, Kan., and a graduate of the Juilliard Graduate School of Music, New York.

A matinee at 1400 and an evening performance at 1900 are scheduled for the operetta here. Admission will be free and will be limited to men of the Division and their guests. Tickets will be distributed by units on a pro rata basis.

An estimated 20,000 persons will have seen this year's LSU opera after the appearance here, Ralph Errolle, head of the university's opera department, estimates. After performances on the campus, the opera played at the recent Spring Fiesta in New Orleans. It will begin its Army tour Monday night at Camp Claiborne, La., and include presentations for the remainder of the week at Selman Field, Monroe, La.; Barksdale Field,

250 Girls Attend Big CT Red Dance

One of the largest dances held on the post was that staged last night by the 2d Bn. of CT Red at the Red Rec. Hall. Over 250 girls from Natchez, Baton Rouge, Woodville, Liberty and McComb provided ample dancing partners for the large crowd of soldiers present.

An elaborate buffet supper consisting of cold cuts, potato salad and other delicacies was served during the course of the evening and a bar was set up to dispense soft drinks to the dancers. The 253d orchestra furnished the music.

Arrangements for the affair were handled by Lt. Raymond Petrie and Sgt. Vaughn Waite.

Reopen Phones As Planes Fly New Equipment

New 800 Dial Switchboard Replaces One Destroyed In Last Week's Blaze

The fact that telephone service in Camp Van Dorn is virtually back to normal today a little over a week after fire gutted the building housing the exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., in the camp, is the result of close cooperation and efficient work on the part of the 563d Signal Co., the telephone company and the Air Transport Command.

A complete new switchboard equipped to handle 800 dial stations was flown by Army transport planes from Atlanta, Ga., to Harding Field in Baton Rouge this week, from where it was hauled by 63d Division trucks to the Camp.

Dial Phones Operating
Temporary lines leading from field phones which were installed by the Signalmen shortly after the fire, have been removed and practically all dial phones within the camp are operating from a portion of the new board which has been erected in the telephone company barrack opposite the exchange.

The flames badly damaged two-thirds of all the cables leading to the switchboard but Bell System men have installed new wiring and are checking all connections to assure perfect service once again.

Personal telephone service is available on a 24 hour basis at Service Clubs 1 and 2. All coin box telephones are temporarily out of service pending replacement of damaged equipment. Notification of restoration to normal operation of coin box telephones will be made in the Division Daily Bulletin.

Telephone officials from Atlanta and state and district offices joined Maj. Charles W. Gibbs, Division Signal Officer in praising the work of the Signalmen. Frank Sutherland, camp representative of the Bell System, stated that the work of the Signal Corps was of in- (Continued on Page 3)



SGT. JOHN CAMPBELL

tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Co. The orchestra for the production is directed by Louis Hasselmann, head of the French Wing of (Continued on Page 3)

Minstrel Show to Be Held Thursday in CT Red Hall

A new crop of grass growing peacefully before the Camp Van Dorn open air theater has caused the 63d Division's Mississippi Minstrels to bring their planned super-production indoors next Thursday at CT Red Rec. Hall. The colorful extravaganza will commence at 1930. But no grass will grow 'neath the feet of these fast-stepping entertainers.

The show will be repeated Friday night, April 28, at Special Troops Rec. Hall, and at the White Rec. Hall on Thursday, May 4.

This will be the first time 63d Division entertainers have donned blackface and gone into colorful minstrel costumes for a soldier show.

Mississippi Minstrels will bring new faces before Division audience and new acts which have not previously been utilized in Special

Service shows here. Among the new talent will be Pvt. Richard Wilson, who will unleash a new bag of tricks in his magician's number. He is from Anti-tank Co., 253d Inf. Pvt. Jackie Paris, 63d QM skat singer, will be on hand, as will Pvt. Irvin Rocklin, of Division Band. Interlocutor of the show will be T/5 Lester Heath of CT White Special Service, who will have as his end men T/5 Fredd Wiener, 253d Inf., Sgt. Mickey Johnson, Co. F, 253d Inf., Cpl. Irving Hopkins, 253d Inf., and T/5 Mordecai Bauman, 255d Inf.

WOJG Harold Pollakoff and his 63d Div. White orchestra, a 16-piece group of music makers, will also bring their sweet and swing rhythms to the minstrel show. Choral numbers for the production will be presented by members of the Division Artillery Chorus, (Continued on Page 2)

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Cannoneers Occupy Strange Position; They're Artillery-Firing Infantrymen

This is one of a series of articles dealing with the various components of the 63d Division, written so that men within the Division may know what other soldiers in different branches of the service do.

If you see a husky doughboy in infantry braid affectionately patting a stubby little 105 mm. cannon you're not dreaming, but witnessing the love of a good soldier for his weapon. The cannoneers of infantry cannon companies occupy a strange role in the Army, for although they fire artillery pieces, they're still just as much infantrymen as the mud-slogger with the M1 on his shoulder.

Need for cannon companies was seen by American Army officers during the last war when it sometimes became difficult to rapidly move artillery support near the front lines. To do this it was necessary to detach an artillery unit and move it into position with the infantrymen, and since the men were differently trained there was always a certain amount of confusion.

To solve the problem the Army decided to train its artillerymen and infantrymen to work together in combat teams—such as the present set-up within the 63d Division, but some thought that even this did not bring heavy firepower sufficiently close to the front lines. So, about two years ago the Army decided on a radical change by which they moved 105 mm. cannon right up within 1,000 yards of the lines and made them an integral part of the infantry regiment itself, rather than attached forces.

The plan has worked out well, and today cannoneers are found training side by side with riflemen in the same infantry regiments.

105 Can Be Manhandled

The 105 mm. M3 howitzer, which is the model used by the 63d Division cannon companies, is characterized by exceptional tactical ability and great flexibility of fire. Not only can the weapon be towed behind its motorized prime mover, but it may also be manhandled for short distances by the gun crew, which is considerable help when firing position must be rapidly changed at the front as troops advance.

The flexibility of fire results from the fact that the cannoneers can employ the weapons as a battery of field artillery contributing to the firepower of the Division's artillery, as well as independently firing in direct support of the regiment.

The piece may be used from defiladed firing positions employing indirect fire against targets which immediately oppose the infantry, or they may be used as a direct fire weapon against tanks and pill-boxes. The cannoneers generally, however, fire at point targets, rather than area targets such as are covered by the field artillery fire.

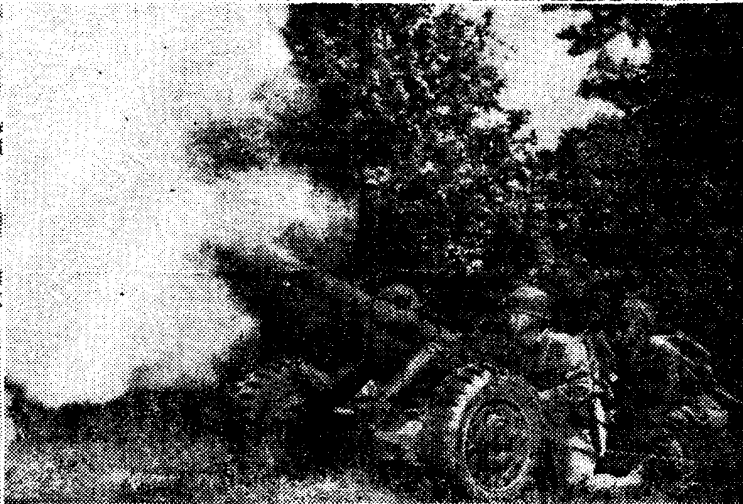
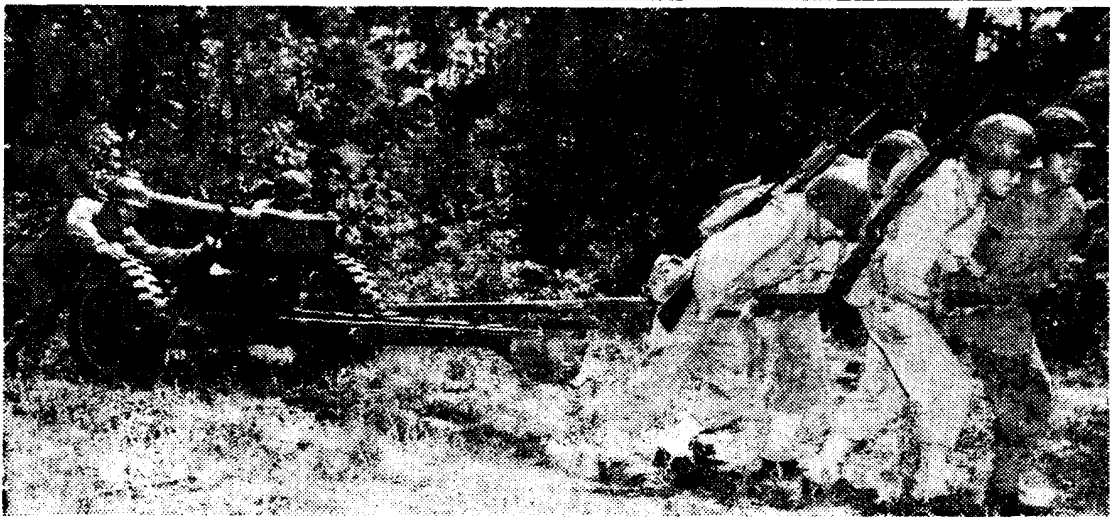
The M3 was given its first taste of action in the Tunisian campaign, and proved itself to be a very effective support weapon. It was further employed in Sicily and is now being used in Italy. In one morning a single cannon company in the Tunisian campaign exceeded 3,000 rounds of ammunition in a battle with German and Italian forces.

Platoon Per Battalion

In actual use a howitzer platoon



SWINGING INTO ACTION is one of the short and stubby 105 mm. cannon of the 253d Inf. Cannon Co. At top gun crew manhandles its weapon into position, using the new towing tongue built as result of a suggestion by the Division Commander. At lower left Lt. Seth C. Peatross II, CO, tells his men how to sight their target at a forward OP, and at lower right, Camp Van Dorn Signal Corps photographer has caught the gun at the moment of firing.



is placed in support of each infantry battalion. Thus the battalion commander has the equivalent of half a battery of light artillery at his immediate call. The mission of these cannoneers is to knock out targets which are not appropriate for the other supporting weapons to knock out. Such a target would be one which was too strong for the heavy mortars to knock out, yet in such a position that the heavier artillery could not immediately get at it. In such case, the battalion commander would order the cannoneers to eliminate the target.

Because there is strict limitation to the amount of ammunition the cannon companies can carry, the cannoneers must level their fire exceptionally accurately. The cannon platoon leaders must also select firing positions much closer to the enemy than those enjoyed by the other artillery pieces, as in action the cannon companies are seldom more than 1,000 yards from the front line troops themselves.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Division Commander, and formerly Artillery Commander of the 36th (Texas) Division, was watching men of 253d Inf. Cannon Co. manhandle their pieces in heavy mud

one day, and noticed that they were in apparent difficulty. They found the tail of their piece was not sufficiently long for all of them to grab it. Gen. Hibbs suggested an extension piece be fitted to the trail.

This resulted in development by the 863d Ordnance Co., in conjunction with the 253d Cannon Co., of a "towing tongue" which is a long towing attachment similar to those employed by firemen in hauling fire pumps during the '90s.

The cannoneers have found this new attachment greatly simplifies the manhandling of the piece, and makes it even more mobile than it formerly was. The new towing-tongue will soon be attached to the howitzers of the other 63d Division Cannon Companies and anti-tank companies will also try a similar device with their 57 mm. guns.

Patients Witness CT White Revue

A vaudeville revue in miniature was presented by men of CT White Special Service at the Station Hospital, last night.

A new skit originated by T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joseph Dolin, entitled "Swanee Swami," having to do with a bogus fortune teller, proved amusing to the audience, while later the pair conducted a short quiz session with hilarious results.

Pfc. William Schumacher of the 254th Inf., sang two request numbers, and Cpl. Jack Sontag, piano stylist, entertained with a medley of old and new tunes. Cpl. Heath conducted his ever-popular hat trick in which the contestants battle for each other's hats.

Minstrel Show Slated To Be Held Thursday

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which has been heard in a number of other camps and Division appearances, as well as in shows presented in nearby towns.

The production is under the direction of T/4 Jack Bracken, and the book was written by T/5 Arnold Spector. Music has been arranged by T/5 Paul Taubman.

A "secret order" from Adolf Hitler has directed that physical standards for German military service be reduced to admit certain types of cripples.

Bayonet Drill is Easy For National Fencing Ace

(Continued From Page 1) Pvt. Worth competed throughout Europe with the Hungarian National Fencing Team and, at the same time, increased his fluency in five languages, Hungarian, German, French, Spanish and English.

Held Cuban Title
In 1937 he was given leave from the army and went to Cuba where he was an interpreter and language teacher. He was National Saber Champion of Cuba and fenced with the Cuban Team which defeated the U. S. Team at the Cuban Sports Carnival in 1938.

In 1940 he came to the U. S. to manufacture glass. Joining the U. S. National Fencing Team, he won the Honeycutt Memorial Trophy and was seeded third in the country by the A. F. L. A. 1943-44.

An expert with the epee (dueling sword) and foil (point touch sword) Pvt. Worth prefers saber fencing in which both touch and cut points are permitted.

"The science of fencing is much the same as the bayonet training of the infantryman. 'On guard,'

'parry,' and 'thrust' are familiar movements to all doughboys. As in bayonet fighting or boxing, speed and coordination are essential and fast footwork is vital," he said.

Best Out of Nine

"In competitive fencing there are four judges and a director who decide when a touch is made. A round is eight minutes and the man scoring the best out of nine touches wins."

While on furlough recently Pvt. Worth tied for first place in the New York Metropolitan Championship meet.

In addition to fencing Pvt. Worth has competed in table tennis, and is interested in skiing, ice skating and rowing.

He was inducted in September, 1943, and was assigned to the Blood and Fire Division a few days later. He is married and lives in New York City.

Lt. Schroeder to Marry Baton Rouge Girl May 6

The First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge will be the scene of the wedding Saturday, May 6, of Lt. John H. Schroeder, 263d Engr. Bn., and Miss Mildred Nichols, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Baton Rouge.

Miss Nichols is a member of the editorial staff of the Baton Rouge State-Times and Morning Advocate, and Lt. Schroeder was a newspaperman in California before he entered the Army. Both are former journalism school students and both are members of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

The bride-elect was graduated in December, 1943, from the University of Oklahoma. Lt. Schroeder was a member of the Class of 1941 at the University of Missouri, where he played on the varsity basketball team.

FOR SALE

Auto trailer, 1910 Plymouth, 22 foot, good tires, well furnished, electric refrigerator, Coleman stove, \$1,050.00. Excellent condition.

Capt. T. S. Edwards, Co. M, 254th Inf.

LOST

Lost last Saturday on Main Street, McComb, a gold football with engraving: "St. Stan vs. McComb, Toy Bowl, Red Womack." Finder please return to Mrs. Red Womack, 1314 Delaware Ave., McComb. Reward offered.

The Wolf by Sansone



"You're pretty good at making passes, aren't you?"

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 and 2
Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810.
(Saturday, April 22, through Friday, April 28)
SATURDAY—"Thousands Cheer," with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly, Kay Kyser and Orchestra.
SUN.-MON.—"Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," with Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and Bonita Granville.
TUESDAY—"Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat," with Sidney Toler and Joan Woodbury; "Wyoming Hurricane," with Russell Hayden and Bob Willis.
WED.-THURS.—"Her Primitive Man," with Louise Allbritton and Robert Paige.
FRIDAY—"Moon Over Las Vegas," with Anne Gwynne, David Bruce and Alan Dinehart.
THEATER 5
Starting Time—1845
(Sunday, April 23, through Saturday, April 29)
SUNDAY—"Weird Woman," with Lon Chaney, Anne Gwynne and Evelyn Ankers.
MONDAY—"Thousands Cheer," with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly, Kay Kyser and Orchestra.
TUES.-WED.—"Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," with Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and Bonita Granville.
THURSDAY—"Charlie Chan in the Chinese Cat," with Sidney Toler and Joan Woodbury; "Wyoming Hurricane," with Russell Hayden and Bob Willis.
FRI.-SAT.—"Her Primitive Man," with Louise Allbritton and Robert Paige.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

They say that every dark cloud has a silver lining if you will just look for it, and come to think about it, that's what a good soldier does--looks at the bright side of things and if he can't find one he makes one. As I have said plenty



of times in this column, you can't be a good soldier and a griper. You are just bound to stumble if you keep looking back over your shoulder and mourning about bad breaks passed and gone over which you had no control. If you can laugh 'em off and make the best of any situation good or bad that comes along, then I say you are getting ripe for combat.

As you have probably guessed, I am leading up to something to do with the 63d, so I had might as well get it off my chest. It's about our recent bad news and the way the folks in my outfit and others, too, have taken it.

You all remember a few months ago when we lost a lot of men how 'most everybody thought the bottom had dropped out of everything and the old morale took an awful sag. I reckon it was because we weren't grown up enough, but we



did get over it. What a difference this time. My outfit took this hay-maker right on the chin and came on asking for more. They are working like hell and the morale is even better than ever.

In a time like this you can always do one of two things: sit down, lick your wounds, cry and quit, or get in there and pitch harder, and as usual the CG chose the latter and mine is only one of the many outfits that's with him one hundred per cent.

Give Superior Ratings In Expert Infantry Tests

As 63d Div. doughboys began taking tests for the recently established "Expert Infantrymen" award, Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding, announced this week that six sergeants of the 254th Inf. have attained superior ratings in the 14 tests for the awards upon completion of their training at the Division Ranger School.

The men accorded these highest ratings in the tests were: S/Sgt. Roger M. Pezzelle, Co. B; S/Sgt. J. B. Keel, Hq. Co.; and Sgts. T. J. Casey, Co. G; R. S. Wilkie, Co. I, and H. A. White, Anti-Tank Co.

The courses followed by these men included scouting and patrolling, first aid, field sanitation, bayonet drill, field proficiency firing, live grenade throwing, familiarization firing, marches of 9 and 25 miles, physical fitness tests, street fighting and the infiltration and close combat courses. The sergeants will instruct other men in their units as the training period advances.

Rumor Is Subject Of 254th Playlet

For the second time within two weeks members of the staff of Regt. Special Services of the 254th Inf., in co-operation with Lt. George Hoar, Regt. Orientation officer, presented an orientation hour for men of the organization yesterday at Theater No. 5.

The scheme devised to make orientation periods interesting as well as informative, was worked out with fine results. A sketch, specially written by Pfc. Joseph Dolin of the Special Services office, and enacted by Dolin and T/S Leslie Heath, brought out interesting facts in the news.

Yesterday's playlet, entitled "Rumor Graveyard," dealt with the miserable spirits of all the rumors that have circulated throughout the regiment and the division.

Grandma Now Works At Ft. Jackson Depot

Gray-haired women are helping to lick the manpower shortage at Ft. Jackson, S. C. In the clothing and equipment repair shop a hundred women bend over sewing machines, mending rips in soldier's pants, blankets, and tents. Twenty of them are over sixty and more than half are past middle age.

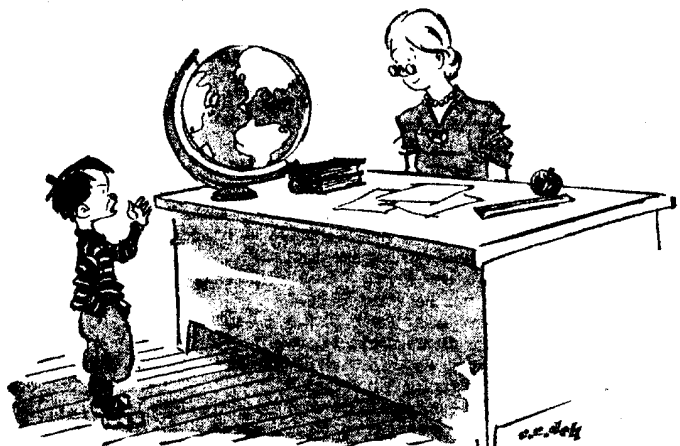
LSU Co-ed Cast to Present Show; 'Robin Hood' Due Here May 6

(Continued From Page 1) The Metropolitan for 14 years and conductor of the LSU Symphony Orchestra.

Specially designed scenery enables the opera to be shown in Army installations. Dr. Archibald McLeod, of the LSU speech department, is in charge of sets. Members of the stagecraft class and volunteers who worked with Dr. McLeod on the sets, including five women students, are stage hands. "We had to build the show so

we could take it to Army camps," said Jean Keller, of Grand Rapids, Mich., head theater technician. "Because some camps have not even a stage, let alone other necessary equipment, we had to build the scenery from the ground in case we could not suspend it from the ceiling."

Miss Keller is a post-graduate student at the university, paying her way by working as theater technician. The other stage technicians are student volunteers.



Show me where Tokyo was before me brudder joined the Marines.

Weekly Review For Homefolks Edited at RTG

The Replacement Training Group is supplying its members with a weekly review of training developments in letter form which can be mailed the folks back home.

The Weekly News Letter, originated by Maj. Frank B. Farr, RTG commander, and Maj. Henry D. Reed, executive officer, is published each Saturday. It covers briefly the training highlights of the week and includes entertainment features presented in the RTG's outdoor Dust Bowl. The men are urged to send the Letter to their families to keep them posted on what takes place during the training period.

In its first issue, the Letter reported Maj. Farr and Maj. Reed agree that "the training to date has been excellent" and that the "high morale of both officers and men is evident."

"We are fast developing a snappy and saluting outfit which already has become noticeable to visiting officers," the Letter continued. "Some of the distinguished visiting officers to date have been Lt. Gen. William L. Simpson, 4th Army Commander; Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, XXI Corps commander; Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander; Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander; Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff; Col. John Mesick, Division Artillery executive officer, and Col. R. E. Guthrie, camp commander."

Also mentioned in the mimeographed publications were a commendation from Gen. Harris for the "excellent night demonstration conducted April 6," and a memorandum of the RTG's orientation display which last week took second place in Division competition.

The bulletin-letter furnishes a weekly church schedule and is distributed to all trainees, officers and noncommissioned officers. Pvt. M. D. Portman, Co. 4, is editor.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday
Chapels 5, 7, 8 and 10, 0900.
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion, 0900.
Chapel 5, Episcopal Holy Communion, 1100.
Chapels 5, 6, 8 and 10, 1900.
Chapel 7, 1100. (Lutheran).
Sunday Afternoon and Weekday
Chapel 5, Concert Hour, 1530 Sunday, Co. C, 254d Engr. Bn., 1815, Sunday evening worship.
Chapel 5, 1900 Thursday, prayer meeting and Bible study group.
Chapel 8, 1930 Thursday, prayer meeting.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses
Chapels 5 and 10, 0930.
Theater 5, 0900.
OT Blue Rec. Hall, 0930.
Theater 1, 1930.
Centre Theater, Centreville, 1930.
Chapel 10, 1100.
Weekday Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1930.
Chapel 5, Monday, 1830, Novena, Miraculous Medal.
Chapel 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1700.
Chapel 10, Tuesday, 1930, Novena and Benediction.

Confession
Chapel 5, Saturday, 1530-2000.
Chapel 10, Saturday, 1300-2100.
JEWISH SERVICES
Friday
Hospital, 1830.
Chapel 7, 2000.
Sunday
Chapel 3, 1900.
MORMON SERVICES
Chapel 8, Sunday, 1400.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel 1, Sunday, 1100.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday, 1830.

Jewish Flier Treasures Gift of Catholic Medal

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—Lt. Stanley Greenhouse wears the Air Medal, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, but his most prized possession is a Catholic Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin given him by an Irish tailor in the Bronx.

Lt. Greenhouse, who is Jewish, said the tailor gave him the Medal as a parting gift when he went into the Army. He credits it with getting him back from 45 dangerous missions against the Japanese in this area.

The Army buys 11,000 different cotton items, ranging from gun camouflage to handkerchiefs.



FULL FIELD pack is duck soup to Sgt. E. Thomas Gilliard of 255th Inf., who is shown with a 250 pound job on his back when as a civilian he explored the Lost World of Venezuela for the American Museum of Natural History.

255th Noncom One of Few To Explore 'Lost World'

The only man in the 63d Div. and probably the only one in the entire Army who has been to the Lost World is Sgt. E. Thomas Gilliard, Co. M, 255th Inf.

With a 120-pound pack on his back, the 31-year-old ornithologist participated in the first scientific expedition to study the fortress-shaped plateau of Auyan-Tepui, a gigantic formation in Southeast Venezuela. This was in October, 1937, when the American Museum of Natural History, of which he was assistant curator of ornithology, sent a party to study the flora and fauna of the almost unknown area.

One of three "lost worlds" in South America, Auyan-Tepui is notable for the presence there of Angel Falls, the "eighth wonder of the world," a waterfall 20 times as high as Niagara and 1,000 feet higher than any other recorded in the world.

Falls Unattainable
Neither Sgt. Gilliard nor any other man, however, has had more than a look at the falls, named for Jimmy Angel, an American soldier of fortune, aviator and prospector who first reported seeing the cascade in 1930.

Surrounded by deep canyons and huge areas of vines and jungles through which a man scarcely can crawl, Angel Falls never has been seen except from an airplane or by a ground observer forced to stay at a respectful distance. The falls have been photographed both from the air and the ground and their height has been estimated at 3,300 feet.

When the American Museum expedition went to Auyan-tepui, it established six camps in three and one-half months of exploration. Two at the base of the plateau were radio-equipped, but communication with the others was by visual signal only.

It was on field trips from the central bases to the advance camps that Sgt. Gilliard carried his entire supply of food, clothing and equipment on the huge pack on his back. In the region a man must carry 85 per cent of his food on his back and he will eat all he can carry in a month.

Unknown Birds Found
Many subtropical birds and animals were found, skinned and sent back to New York for the museum. The ornithologist found many species hitherto unknown and many others which had not been known

to inhabit that region. Sgt. Gilliard described the plateau and the fall in an article "The Eighth Wonder of the World," in the Saturday Evening Post in July, 1941, and in Natural History magazine, in December, 1940. He also has written for the National Geographic and other leading magazines and has published an American Museum bulletin on the birds of Auyan-Tepui and other pamphlets on the virtually unknown Cordillera Dacarena, in Colombia, and on birds of various other places in Venezuela.

Sgt. Gilliard, who is 31 years old, has made five trips to Latin America. He was one of this country's first young men to be used in the development of wild rubber programs in the upper Amazon Valley when the rubber shortage occurred.

A native of Ruxton, Md., he studied at various schools and colleges, had a fellowship in ornithology to Cornell University and did field work for Cornell in Northern California. He was assistant curator of ornithology at the museum, specializing in South American birds, when he was inducted into the Army in September. He is married and has a 13-month-old son.

Officers May Be Named In Non-Combat Posts

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Warrent officers and enlisted men serving overseas in non-combat assignments who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications but who cannot be released for Officer Candidate Schools because of the importance of their work may now be appointed second lieutenants by their commanders, the War Department has announced.

Although overseas theater commanders had previously been authorized to appoint officers from the ranks for combat leadership, appointment of officers from the non-combat categories was formerly subject to War Department clearance. In general the new appointments will be limited to filling positions of a command nature those which require special technical or professional skills.

Nine tons of aviation supplies are shipped monthly for every Army pilot overseas.

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EDITORIAL

ON MEETING GIRLS

A large numbers of soldiers are lonesome, and the causes are easily understood, for few soldiers manage to get assignments in the vicinity of their homes.

Camp Van Dorn is no exception to this general rule, for many of our men are from 1,000 to 3,000 miles away from their homes.

Female companionship is a great way to ease this lonesomeness and homesickness, and each week thousands of soldiers pour forth from Van Dorn and other Army camps in the vicinity.

Even though there appears to be a definite shortage of civilian males in cities near the camp, the visiting doughboy should not expect every Sally and Sue walking along the street to swoon merely because he smiles and says "Good evening."

There are right and wrong ways to meet a girl. There are dances at camp almost every night in the week, and introductions there are simple. In each of the nearby communities there are USOs or servicemen's centers, where junior hostesses usually will be more than glad to conduct the visiting soldiers on a tour, or accompany them to dances, or other social functions.

Men of the 63d Div. have a good reputation for being snappy soldiers on and off post, and for the manner in which they smile and salute with a spoken greeting. To the new men who join us, we suggest that you drop in at some of our dances, and at the USOs and servicemen's centers. You'll find a number of nice girls there waiting to help you feel that you've found a "home away from home."

RECOGNITION

For long the Infantry has been called "The Queen of Battles" and for long that has just been a name. Few persons knew before the African Sicilian or Italian invasions just why the Doughboys should be given such a high sounding title. Now they are just beginning to see the answer.

In a recent article in BLOOD AND FIRE, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, chief of the Army Ground Forces, told why the infantry is known as the "Queen of Battles." He also cited examples to prove that the foot soldiers are still the men who win the final battle despite what has been told of mechanized might and air power.

To be sure, without mechanized equipment and air power, modern warfare would be slowed considerably and perhaps the infantry would not be as effective. By and large, however, the men on foot are the boys who decide the issue when the chips are down. The infantry is coming into its own.

INSULTING JAPS

A Marine major, who served several years as an athletic instructor in a Tokyo university and thereby appears to have obtained a good working knowledge of certain aspects of the intricate Japanese language, has received the Navy Cross.

The award is specifically based upon the fact that he killed a number of Japs under heroic circumstances. But it develops that as a preliminary the major so effectively insulted them in their own lingo they fired at him, revealing their well concealed positions.



How to Cherchez La Femme

News from Here and There

Kittens Born in Shop Get Appropriate Names

CAMP SANTA ANITA, Calif.—"Next" is the name of the cat who lives in the barber shop at the Ordnance Training Center here. She gave birth to six kittens. The GIs named them Haircut, Shave, Massage, Shampoo, Trim and Getting-a-Little-Thin-on-Top-Shall-I-Put-Something-on-It?

Tennessee Solons Favor Increase for Combat GIs

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Tennessee house of representatives has adopted a resolution favoring "the principle that combat troops should receive more pay than non-combat troops." It called attention to the proposal made by War Correspondent Ernie Pyle and others that front line troops should receive extra compensation similar to flight pay given in the air forces.

West Point to Benefit By Postwar Training

WEST POINT, N. Y.—Maj. Gen. Francis W. Wilby, superintendent of the United States Military Academy, told military school heads that "we may modify our program of basic training and be able to substitute more advanced work" at the Point in the event of postwar compulsory training.

Device Helps Soldier Carry Wounded Easily

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—An infantryman can carry a wounded soldier and fight at the same time by using a method which originated in Russia and has been perfected here.

The rescuer links both ends of his pistol belt with that of the wounded soldier, drawing the lengthened belt under the wounded man's legs and the small of his back so that the loops of the belt extend on each side of the prone man.

The rescuer then lies on his back between the wounded soldier's legs, slips his arms through the belt and brings the loops over his shoulders. Rolling over with the wounded man on his back, he rises to his feet with both hands free to handle a rifle, hand grenade or other weapon.

Gob Finds Kindred Soul In This Navy Censor

RICHMOND, Va.—Seaman 1/C W. Donald O'Connell wrote his mother: "I hope some day we will have a home of our own with our own yard." He added a note to the censor: "The word 'yard' in my letter has

no other meaning. I emphasized it because we live in a four-family flat with a two-by-four back yard. In addition to our two dogs, the people downstairs have two hound dogs, one mutt, guinea pigs, pigeons and rabbits. With the flower garden and garbage cans, at times it's a little crowded."

To the letter which Mrs. E. S. O'Connell received, this notation had been made: "I can appreciate this, as my wife has ten children. (Signed) The Censor."

Tough GI Misses Point Until Pal Removes Nail

WEST AFRICA—The mess sergeant walked up to one of his mess hall patrons and, waving a hammer under his nose, spoke:

"Get up please," he said. "I think you're sitting on a nail."

The GI obliged. The sergeant removed a wicked looking nail from the bench and the GI resumed his seat.

Most Decorated Officer Admits Fright in Battle

NEW YORK (CNS)—Although he has won more decorations than any other naval officer in this war, Comdr. Donald J. McDonald isn't nuts about fighting.

"I don't exactly relish it," remarked Comdr. McDonald on his return to New York from action against the Japanese. "I never went into action that I was not frightened."

Comdr. McDonald has been decorated seven times, having received three Silver Stars, two Navy Crosses and two Legions of Merit. His ship, the destroyer O'Bannon, participated in five major engagements, and helped to sink a Japanese battleship, three cruisers and six destroyers.

'Achtung' Means RAF Now to Most Germans

LONDON (CNS)—The RAF now is known in Germany as the Royal Achtung Force, according to a report that has reached London. Every time RAF planes approach the Reich, cries of "Achtung!" are heard over the radio. The word means "Attention!"

Hotels Ask Servicemen For Early Reservations

NEW YORK (CNS)—In order to assure servicemen of adequate hotel accommodations on leaves, hotel men have urged GIs to make their reservations well ahead of time, stating the hour of their expected arrival, the length of their stay, the number in their party, the type of accommodations desired and the hour of expected departure.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Norman R. Olsen
(Headquarters Special Troops)

Where there is life, there is struggle! The difference in the lot of one man as compared to another is not so much in the circumstances as in the spirit in which they meet the conflict.

Some individuals face the testing times of life in a manner in which everyone soon learns about them; some have hearts fail and lose hope; others struggle in silence, and then there are those who are able, no matter how bitter the struggle, to face life cheerfully. What makes the difference?

The above may well be applied to some of our soldiers. Time and time again we have been able to accomplish it if, first, we have settled the many conflicts within ourselves. We must win out over loneliness; we must defeat our worries and our fears; we must willingly surrender our own personal desires for a time for the sake of the common good.

Religion can help us do it! The real difficulties are not in outward circumstances, but in ourselves. The real issue is character, that we shall be strong men . . . even better men because of the great task that challenges us. We build our souls by struggle, and through it is provided a place for faith and prayer. We learn to believe in and to trust in God. To the man who refuses to hold truce with evil, there is a dignity and exhilaration in facing courageously the realities of life. He has the whole infinitude of God behind him.

Be strong! We are not here to play to dream, to drift!

We have hard work to do and loads to lift! Shun not the struggle—face it,

'Tis God's gift! Be strong!

G. I. Jingles

TO JOANN LEE SIMS

Must have been "The One Great Artist"
Made your hair of molten gold,
And all His skill imparted in the shaping
Of the mold.

Must have been the angels sages
Held a council in the skies,
And the wisdom of the ages
Was implanted in your eyes.

Must have been all the sunbeams
Were collected in a pile,
And the brightest taken from them
Just to fashion you a smile.

Must have been the pink of dawns—
When the color reached its peak,
And the cherubs raised the awning
And smote you on each cheek.

And the keeper of the breezes
Let the softest one depart,
And its tenderness increases
As it lingers in your heart.

Must have been the heavens' songsters
With great honors to command,
Made their fame a little stronger
When they named you "Our Joann."

—Written for his 4-year-old sister-in-law
By Pvt. Clair L. Brumley,
Serv. Co., 255th Inf.

LATRINE RUMORS

United Press is pretty good
And AP's all right, too.
I find no fault with INS,
All bring the news to you.
The GIs have a system, though,
That's simple and serene,
No wires, no telephones need they
For "Rumors of Latrine."
New rumors emanate from there
As fast and thick as flies.
They tell you when you'll move and where
And prove that facts are lies.
The rumor's hot: here comes the flash,
"We're going overseas!"
Another flash, "Our outfit is
To all become MPs."
"Our captain will be tried in court
And furloughs all we'll get."
"First sergeant will be transferred soon
To Burma or Tibet."
This system that the dogface has
Tells everything that's news.
It's very good, except the "facts"
It gives, are never TRUE.

—St. Louis Obispo, Calif., "Wildcat."

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: The Engineers Are Versatile Soldiers Who Can Build as Well as Blow Up

In order that men within the Division may know what other soldiers in different outfits do to win the war, the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE are publishing this series of articles describing the activities of the various units within the 63d Division.

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When there's a road out of service and a by-pass is needed in a hurry, or when some obstacle is in the way of our advancing troops and it must be blown up, a hurry call is put through for the engineers. Within the 63d Div. there is the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion, which differs from topographic, construction, or maintenance battalions in that it is a versatile unit trained for a number of different combat missions.

The Engineers are an old and historic branch of the service, and as such are steeped in traditions. During this war they have played a considerable role in paving the way for an Allied victory.

The soldier assigned to a combat engineering squad must truly be a "jack-of-all-trades," and a good soldier as well if he is to remain with the squad. Each basic squad contains 13 men—a unit foreman, an assistant unit foreman, a bridge carpenter, two general carpenters, a demolition man, truck driver, one electrician, two utility repairmen, two general riggers, and a jack-hammer operator. However, besides specialized knowledge in his own particular phase of the work, each man in the squad must know how to perform the duties of all the other squad members, for in the event of emergencies any man may be called to do the tasks of any other member of the squad. Each squad is assigned a dump truck to aid them in getting to and from their tasks, and to carry materials and tools.

Four Companies in 263d

The 263d comprises three work companies, and a headquarters and supply company for administration, messing and supply. Many of their problems and training carry them away from Camp Van Dorn, and during last fall the battalion traveled to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., where they passed a week studying and practicing river crossings.

Typical of the construction jobs which fall to the combat engineers is that which recently arose when the 718th F. A. Bn. received new 14-ton prime movers and 155 mm. howitzers, which were too heavy for the present roads leading from the 718th gun park to Range Road.

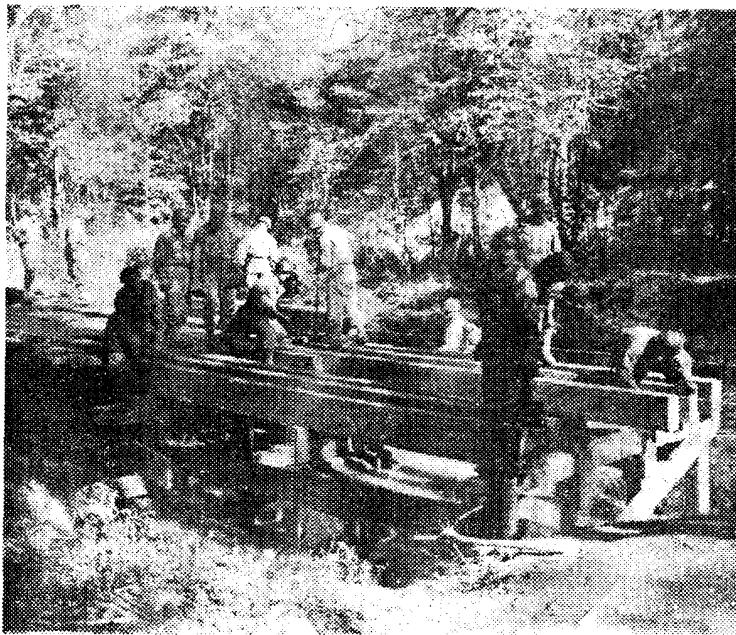
Before a single shovel could be stuck into the ground, Engineer officers had to survey the ground where a new roadway was proposed cutting from the 718th motor-gun park diagonally behind the Moaks Bus Terminal up along the road to the Station Hospital and joining Range Road. Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding the 263d, and his staff surveyed the land, then drew plans for the new construction work.

While crews cleared the ground and prepared the muddy clay for gravel surfacing, another crew went to work constructing a concrete strip over which the tractors would cross 14th Street. A third crew built bulkheads over a culvert which the new road would cross and strengthened the sides of the roadbed to prevent erosion at this spot.

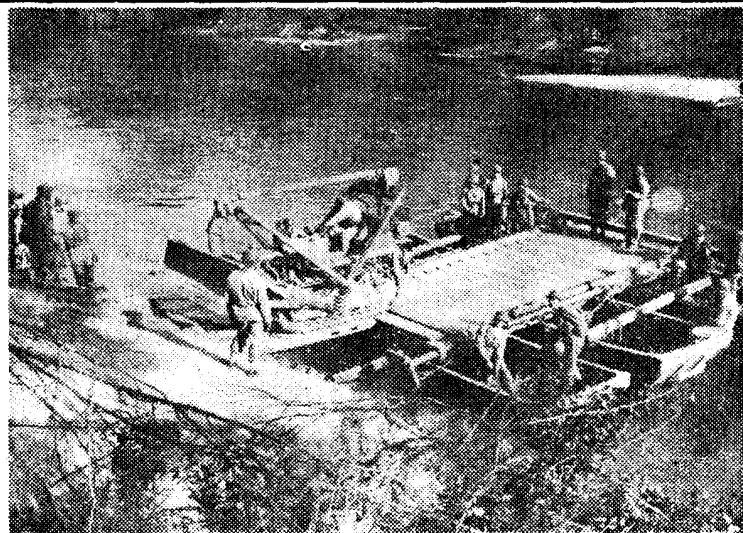
Following the clearing of the ground and other preparatory work, the actual grading was begun with gravel being moved in by dump trucks and leveled with a road grader and bulldozers.

Many Types of Bridges

The engineers must build bridges of different types wherever troops go, and this is one of their main tasks in combat. Such structures range in size and design from small vine and branch footbridges



VARIED ACTIVITIES of 263d Engineers are shown in these pictures by their own photographer. At upper left Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, CO of 263d Engr. Bn., surveys a portion of land over which new road being built by engineers will pass. At upper right, a heavy bulldozer is being nosed aboard a pontoon ferry during river-crossing training undertaken by the battalion. At lower left carpenters and road-builders construct a heavy-duty bridge, and at lower right picks and shovels come into use in grading the new road to be used by guns of the 718th F. A. Bn.



crossing streams to elaborate pontoon structures crossing large rivers.

Not only can the engineers span rivers with standard-type bridges, but recently they demonstrated that they could take truck tarpaulins and logs and construct a serviceable emergency foot bridge over a stream. When there is not time for a bridge, or when other difficulties make such construction unwise, the engineers are able to take tarpaulins and construct emergency floats to ferry vehicles across rivers.

Receive Mine Training

All the engineers receive training in minefield technique, including the removal of activated mines and booby traps, demolition and camouflage, for these things are important to these versatile troops. Under the heading of making way for the advance of our troops and supplies may come the added need for the engineers to fight their way to the position where they must construct some needed structure. They likewise must be able to blow up buildings, or fortifications as well as to build or renovate the same types of structures.

Another important engineer job in the field is that of water supply. Few people realize that it is the Corps of Engineers who are responsible for this important task. In the field they handle all Division water to see that it is pure to

begin with, or that it is properly treated to render it safe for drinking.

Map making is another engineering duty, and although the 263d is not a topographical map unit, it is able to prepare and reproduce maps for our troops in the field.

When troops occupy a town the engineers must swing into immediate action to clear away debris, render safe booby traps which might have been left by the enemy, and rehabilitate buildings which may serve useful purposes for our own troops as headquarters, hospitals, barracks, etc.

In the event our troops are ever ordered to withdraw it is usually the engineers who remain until the last troops, for it is the task of these men to blow up bridges and erect road blocks and otherwise make it hard for the enemy to advance against us.

Though supplied with vehicles, the engineers get plenty of hard physical exercise handling their heavy bridge pontoons, construction equipment and heavy timbers.

Individually the men are equipped with M1 rifles or carbines, and each platoon has in addition two water-cooled and one air-cooled machine guns, and additional sub-machine guns and bazookas.

In 1874 Congress adopted a resolution reducing the Regular Army to 80 men.

the inquiring line

Q. If I was on KP and inadvertently broke a few dishes, would I be required to sign a statement of charges for them and pay for them out of my Army pay?

A. A tough question, but according to AR 35-6640, a statement of charges is issued only if the party charged with losing, breaking or otherwise impairing government property is guilty of carelessness or willful neglect. So, unless you

broke those dishes on purpose or through carelessness or neglect you probably won't have to pay for them.

Q. Where does the Air Medal rank in the order of precedence of awards made by the War Department?

A. Ninth. The Air Medal has been placed above the Purple Heart by a change in Army Regulations. It is preceded by the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal and the Bronze Star Medal and is followed by the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

Q. Men who have been promoted to staff sergeant since November 11, 1943, have been told they have no choice between an allotment and separate quarters, but must keep the allotment. Is this ruling right, or should men promoted to staff sergeant be given a choice of quarters or allotment?

A. No, the men you mention are given no choice. They must accept the allotment.

Two six-piece Division Bands ensembles under direction of T/4 Art Engler and T/5 "Red" Dolan will entertain Monday night at dances for men of Batteries A and B, 863d F. A. Bn.

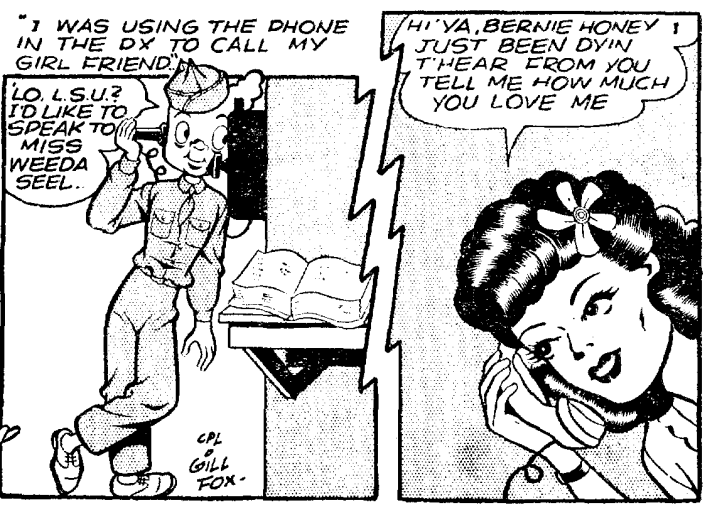
Proud of 63d Division

Soldier, if you see a car being driven along the streets bearing the pale yellow and black New Jersey license tag registration "63d" you'll know that there's a soldier who's really proud of the 63d Division. Owner of the car is Lt. Col. Frank T. Ritter, Jr., of Vineland, N. J. Knowing that the auto registration system in New Jersey is so designed that everyone may have a low number on his plates, and knowing that the State License Commissioner makes a point of satisfying requests for specific numbers wherever possible, Col. Ritter requested plates with the Division's number on them. Now they can be seen night and day in and around Camp Van Dorn.

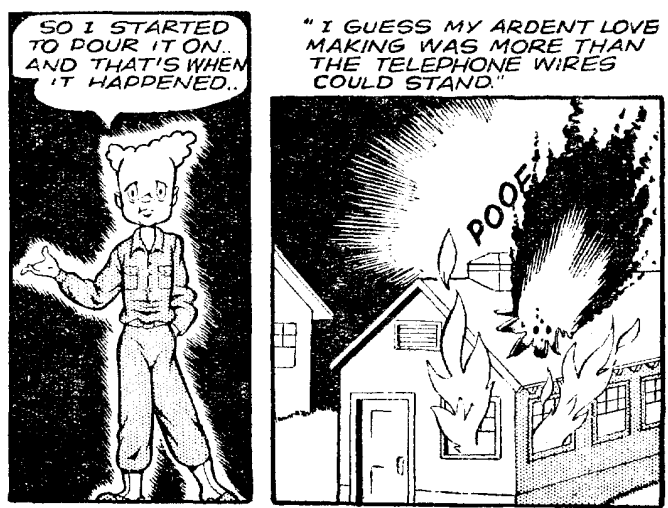
BERNIE BLOOD



Too Hot To Handle



By GILL FOX



Birds to Play Here; Div. Hq. Wins 3d Game

Division All-Stars To Meet Pelicans At Camp Tuesday

(Continued From Page 1)
 take the bill will be Pvt. John Hoag who twirled for Raleigh in the Piedmont Loop, Cpl. Oscar Miller of the 253d Inf., who was signed with the Cincinnati Reds and Sgt. Gene Mehall, also of the 263d, who pitched for Little Rock in the Southern Association.

Available as catchers will be T/5 Norman Kies of Div. Special Services, formerly with the New York Yankees, S/Sgt. Charles J. Cute, who played with Harrisburg, T/5 Charles Andrews of the 363d Medics, who was with Portland in the Pacific Coast League, and Cpl. John Kirchdorfer, of the 255th Inf., who was with Louisville in the American Association. The starting catcher has not as yet been designated.

For first base there will be Sgt. Tom Cortese of the 253d Inf., Capt. Geover McLure of the 63d Ren. Trp., and Cpl. Tony Dondonna of the 255th Inf. Second basemen are Sgt. Thomas Frazier, 254th Inf., and Sgt. Francis Caerriero, of Ren. Trp. Third base has Cpl. Anthony Mattola, 254th Inf., Sgt. Arnold Wenik, 255th Inf., and T/5 John McCabe, Hq. Co.

Outfielders will be S/Sgt. Kermit R. Monk, Hq. Co., Cpls. Dan Galbraith and Carl Peterson, 254th Inf., "Red" Harris and John Mace of the 253d Inf., and Henry Freeman of the 255th Inf.

No starting lineup has been announced for the Pelicans but it is probable that the visitors will line-up with Ruex, shortstop, Wojcick, 2d base, Douglas lf, Shepherd cf, Henderson 2b, Scott rf, Moseel 1b, Bartley c, and either Wells, Schulze or Howard pitchers.

Special Troops Form Volleyball League

A volleyball league consisting of 12 teams has been organized among Special Troops and play in the tournament will start Monday afternoon at 1630.

Div. Hq. will meet Hq. Co. in one of the opening games, while in others, the Band will play the MPs, Co. A of the 363d Medics faces Co. B, and Co. C battles Co. D. The Ren. Trp. faces the 563d Signal Co., and QMs play Ordnance.

Athletes at Div. Hq. have been practicing for several weeks in anticipation of the forthcoming tournament and the Pencil Pushers expect to have a strong team on the field.

CT Red '9' Boasts Flashy Uniforms

When the baseball team of the 253d Inf. takes the field for its opening game in the Combat Team league next week its members will be garbed in flashy new uniforms.

Besides sporting crimson caps and stockings, the players will have two-tone uniforms consisting of blue-gray flannel knickers and white shirts with "CT Red" on the chest and large numerals on the backs. The team will also have sweatshirts for every man.

The Red Cats boast several professional ball players in the ranks and hope to make a good showing in both the league and in outside competition. A home and home arrangement is in the making with the New Orleans Pelicans, and Tulane's nine will play at Camp the second week in May. A game is also in the making with the Tigers of LSU.

Fliers Seek Nickname

Keester Field, Biloxi—Athletic teams at Keester Field are seeking a new nickname. Up to the present the Fliers have been known as the Commandos but that name has been deemed inappropriate and the Field's athletic council and the Keester Field News, post publication, are sponsoring a contest among the men to find a new name. A war bond will be the reward.



DIVISION SOFTBALL LINEUPS

GREEN LEAGUE		
Div. Hq. (7)	563d Signal Co. (9)	Co. C
Sposito, 2b 4 McCabe, cf 3 Galagher, lf 2 Kies, c 3 McAvoy, ss 1 Pin'gan, 3b 1 Y'linas, rg 2 Whit'ed, ra 2 Seacat, 1b 1 Pitterle, p 2	Huber, ra 2 Stubbins, 2b 3 Lorely, rf 2 Wischer, lb 3 S'w'aki, cf 2 Dix, cf 2 Johnson, ss 2 Mitchell, c 1 Dod'vos, 3b 2 R'ich'son, p 2	Lisi, ra 2 Schwarz, 3b 2 Shahid, ss 2 Tolson, rf 2 Bosan, p 2 Mace, lf 2 Measey, 2b 2 Frutick, lb 2 Bartos, c 2 Barron, cf 2

CT RED		
Hq. Co.	Co. K	Co. G
Swinger, lf 3 Hanker, 2b 2 Misko, ss 3 Koehler, 3b 1 Duvre, rs 2 Herron, cf 2 Naman, lb 2 Fallon, c 2 Perez, p 2	Peterson, c 3 Lawrang, lb 3 Buta, 2b 2 Thoro, lf 3 Brown, 3b 2 Pester, rs 2 Sullivan, ss 2 Weglarz, cf 2 Henry, rf 2 Hides, p 2	Tabnick, lf 4 DeGony, rf 4 Short, ss 4 Gaynor, cf 4 Mstrgol, ra 4 Meich, 3b 2 Donahue, 2b 1 Ricardo, lb 1 Green, c 2 Kraos, p 2

CT BLUE		
Cannon Co.	Medics	Co. G
Mally, 3b-c 3 Leis, ss 3 Lesha, cf 3 Rosen, lb 3 Rybecki, rs 3 Pesser, 2b 3 Henson, 1b 3 Trassner, rf 3 Tenge, lf 3	Javorsky, cf 3 Levy, 3b 3 Price, ss 3 Drow, 2b 3 Lynch, lb 3 Pata, rf 3 Sibhus, rs 3 Wronski, c 3 Bibbons, lf 2 Dovic, lb 2	Froese, lf 4 Toffent, ss 4 Palson, 2b 4 Keranen, 3b 4 Wnek, rs 2 Williams, lf 2 Tereb, cf 2 Mayer, lf 2 Mirislo, c 2 Kalitsky, p 2

CT White		
Co. A	Co. C	Co. H
Smith, c 3 Mayers, lf 3 Klepp, 2b 2 Warren, ss 2 Kirk, 3b 2 Brown, lf 2 Murday, cf 2 Wallace, rf 2 Youngan, p 2	Kupel, c 4 Lattarula, lb 4 Blacken, 2b 4 Pill, ss 4 Concina, 3b 4 Blau, rf 4 Pallano, lf 2 Williams, rf 2 Olson, cf 2 Kelshaw, p 2	Uprecht, 2b 2 Genning, c 4 Shuman, lf 4 McCullg, lb 4 Schopp, p 4 Hamilton, lb 4 Mbergal, ss 4 Combs, rs 2 Shute, cf 2 Preter, rf 2 Nurnbrg, 3b 2 Belieski, p 2

Keeping the Score

Men in the CT Blue area will be kept abreast of developments in the big leagues this season through the medium of a large scoreboard which has been erected in front of the CT Blue Rec. Hall. Lt. Mike Naddeo, athletic officer, and his assistant, T/5 Alex Seigal, devised the plan for the board.

Sections of the board show the score by innings, total hits, runs and errors, batteries for the teams, and the final result.

GIs were treated to an opening day broadcast of the game Tuesday between the Washington Senators and the Philadelphia A's in which the teams battled for 12 innings with the A's winning out, 3-2.

Signalmen Bow As Pitterle Hurls 1-Hit Ball Game

The Div. Hq. ten, defending softball champions of the 64d, strode to its third straight triumph in the current race for honors this week when it blanked the 563d Signal Co. outfit, 7-0, behind the one-hit pitching of M/Sgt. Leonard Pitterle in a Green league game. In another game worthy of note, Cannon Co. of CT Blue nosed out the Medics of the same combat team, 2-1, in a game that went for nine innings.

Pitterle hurled masterful ball for the Div. Hq. unit and only Lovely, right fielder for the losers, was able to touch him for a scratch single. The Headquarters men belted the offerings of W. O. Hutchinson of the Signalmen for four safeties, scoring in the second, third and fifth innings.

Tight Contest
 The battle between the 256th Cannoneers and the Medics was tight all the way. Cannon Co., scored in the first inning when Cpl. Lewis walked and scored on Lt. Leslie's single. The Pill Rollers tied the count in the fourth when Sgt. Levy singled, stole second, and scored on a sacrifice by Sgt. Price. The teams remained deadlocked until the last of the ninth when with two out Leslie singled and scored the winning run on a long single to left field by Lt. Leslie.

Co. C of the 563d Signal Co. paced the Headquarters' team for the lead in the Green League by routing Co. A, 8-1, for its third straight triumph. For three innings S/Sgt. Charlie Bogan of Co. C and Cpl. John Andrews of Co. A, wared a pitching duel until the fourth and sixth proved bad for Andrews when Barron, Steinhardt and Measey of C belted home runs. Barron pulled the fielding gem of the day when he robbed S/Sgt. Jim Butler of what looked like a sure homer in center.

High Scores in CT White

In the CT White league, one-sided scores prevailed. Co. C routed Co. A, 16-2. Eight runs in the fifth bolstered the winning cause. In other games, Co. I downed Co. L, 10-1, and Co. E defeated Co. G, 9 to 5.

In the remaining games in the CT Blue circuit, Co. G upset a favored Co. H outfit, 5-1, as the victors amassed 11 safeties while the losers were limited to two hits. In battery competition, Btry. A routed Hq. Btry. 363d F. A., 13-9. Two homers, one by Cpl. Issolino and the other by Sgt. Ballou, highlighted the contest. Btry. A is a strong favorite to win the CT Blue crown. The team gained the semi-finals in the division play last season.

Golfers of 254th Play Tomorrow

Golfers of the 254th Inf. Regt. will participate in a nine-hole tournament tomorrow morning at the Fernwood Golf Club, Fernwood, Miss., for prizes donated by members of the host club. Some 60 men of the regiment are expected to compete.

Prizes will be offered for the winner of low gross among experienced contestants, kicker handicap, most unusual shot, worst score, and there will also be a door prize.

Before the golfers swing down the fairways Cpl. Warren Orlick of the medics, a former golf professional, will give an exhibition of golf shots and will also imitate the styles of various celebrities of the links, including the late John D. Rockefeller.

Arrangements for the tournament are in the hands of Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, regimental special services officer, assisted by Cpl. Orlick.

CT White Outfit Wins Warmup Tilt

Scoring in every inning the CT White nine swamped the CT Red outfit, 18-8, in a warmup game for the forthcoming Combat Team Baseball League race which starts next week. The game was played last Saturday afternoon.

CT Red in an effort to give everyone on the squad a chance to play, used 18 men during the contest. CT White used 12.

Stetzko, the winning hurler, gave 10 hits while the losers' four hurlers yielded a total of 19 safeties. Eight errors contributed to the downfall of the Redcats. Cortese of the losers belted the game's only homer with one on base in the third inning.

Combat Teams to Start Diamond Race Monday

The lid will be off the Combat Team Baseball League Monday when the CT Blue nine tackles the Green League outfit, and CT White's strong team battles CT Red in a game that will be for keeps this time. The last named teams met in a practice game last Saturday and the score was decidedly in favor of the Whites.

There are no league games scheduled for next week, but the week of May 1, there will be two sets of contests staged.

The teams representing CT Blue and the Green League are to date untried and little is known concerning their respective capabilities. CT White showed power at the plate and in the box in its practice tilt with CT Red which also has a strong aggregation of players.

The Reds boast several men who have seen duty with the major leagues as well as with semi-pro outfits in civilian life. The Reds have such players as Cpl. Oscar Miller former Cincinnati Reds pitcher, and Sgt. Gene Mehall who pitched for Little Rock in the Southern Association.

CT White has a well balanced team coached by Cpl. Joe Cordts

who has turned out many fine athletic outfits during his civilian career and who was responsible for the strong team which CT White placed on the basketball court. The Whites displayed considerable strength against the Green league team in a practice game recently.

The league, according to the schedule will run through May 29 when the champion will be crowned.

All of the teams will be uniformed and baseball-minded soldiers should be in for a considerable amount of good entertainment during the next month or so.

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 3, 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.

British engineers have equipped an American jeep with flanged wheels for railroad operation at 42 miles an hour.

Philly Clubs May Lose Three Stars

PHILADELPHIA—The two Philadelphia clubs stood to lose three of their ball players today as Luman Harris and Lewis Flick of the Athletics and Ray Hamrick of the Phillies passed physical examinations yesterday.

Harris, right-handed hurler, and Flick, outfielder, passed their examinations in the morning and were ordered into the Navy. Ham-

rick passed later in the day and was accepted for the same branch of the service.

Al Gerheuser, southpaw Philly moundman, was awaiting word on an X-ray of his back to determine whether he would be accepted.

No induction date was set for any of the men accepted and they will have at least 21 days before reporting.

Army casualties up to March 23 totaled 134,632. Of those 23,322 were killed, 55,066 wounded, 28,014 missing and 28,230 prisoners. Of those who are prisoners, 1,677 are reported dead.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

63d QM Co.—Three new officers have joined the company, 2d Lts. Robert H. Walker, Charles R. Farmer and Eldon J. Carson. . . . Recent promotions are those of S/Sgt. Tom Towey to technical sergeant, Sgt. Curtis Dulohery and T/4 John Arvary to staff sergeant, and Pvt. Harold Mason and Pfc. Allen Rayer to T/S. . . . 1st Sgt. Austin Hull is the father of a new daughter, named Linda Lee, born in Claypool, Ind. . . . Lt. Sidney M. Cooley and his assistant, Pvt. Ray Amejide, have set up a box in the form of a latrine bowl in the dayroom. Men of the organization drop slips bearing hottest rumors into the "bowl" and a portion of each orientation class is spent in debunking the rumors.

253d Inf.—Pfc. George Donohue, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., was once court clerk for the Supreme Court of New Jersey. . . . Pfc. John Szymanski has two brothers in England and a third in the Southwest Pacific with the Army. . . . 1st Sgt. Joseph Falkenstein, Co. H, is mourning the death of his pet canary which tried to fly through the windshield of a jeep. . . . Pfc. George Worth, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., took particular interest in the recent film, "Uncertain Glory," starring Paul Lukas, whose secretary Worth was when the Hungarian actor was in New York with the play, "Watch on the Rhine." . . . Pfc. Nathan Krems and Morris Gimpleson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., were both topflight newspapermen, whose efforts are largely responsible for the orientation display in their dayroom. . . . T/4 Norman Kaphan, Hq. and Hq. Co., once held the dream job of photographing all the MGM pin-up cuties. . . . S/Sgt. Chester Grusheski, Co. H, entertained 253 NCO Club members with a fine rendition of "If You Were the Only Girl in the World." He had to do five encores.

254th Inf.—The wedding of T/3 J. F. O'Connor, Med. Det., and Miss Anna Ruth Townsend was scheduled for today at St. Francis Church, Brookhaven, Miss. S/Sgt. Richard J. Farrell was best man. Sgt. O'Connor's home is in Troy, N. Y. . . . The Med. Det. is proud of a record of no AWOLs. . . . Nine enlisted men of the regiment have enrolled for U. S. Armed Forces Institute courses. The men and the courses they are taking are: Pfc. George Bolak, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., and Pfc. Paul Kessler, Co. F, algebra; Pfc. Alfred E. Green, Jr., and Cpl. Edward J. Miller, both of Co. F, arithmetic; Pvt. John Brucker, Co. C, analytic geometry; Sgt. Richard B. Dolly, Co. C, bookkeeping and accounting; Pfc. Warren Dubin, Co. E, machine shop practice; Cpl. Eben N. Feenstra, Co. E, preparatory course for radio, telephony and telegraphy; and Pfc. Harry S. Alexander, Co. K, business letter writing. . . . New fathers in Co. M are Lt. Miles Milkovitch and S/Sgt. Adam Yonko. Both babies are boys. . . . New corporals in Co. M are Marshall Davidson, John Demarais, Arthur Roberts and Francis Rogers. Rogers, who served a hitch in the Hawaiian Islands, found several of his former squad members serving as cadre in the 2d Bn. . . . Discussions of the invasion have prompted a contest in Co. M, in which a carton of cigarets will go to the man who comes closest to picking D Day and the invasion route. . . . Recent promotions in Hq. Co., 3d Bn., are those of T/5 George Hauss to sergeant and Pvt. Charles Brimicombe to Pfc. . . . New T/5s in Regtl. Hq. Co. are Pfc. Lawrence S. Meyer and James F. LeGault and Pfc. Richard F. Chamberlain, Don L. Tarvestad, Richard W. Scott and Ernest Horr. . . . Pfc. Nathan Zuckerman, Cannon Co., returned from furlough to report that he was overjoyed when his 13-month-old son, Howard, greeted him with, "Hello, Daddy!" His joy was short-lived, however. When he took the boy out for a short speed march in the baby carriage, Howard cried "Hello, Daddy!" at every soldier who passed. . . . Fourteen men at AT Co. are among the recently promoted. Cpl. Burkett McInturf advanced to sergeant; Pfc. Oran Gingerich, Victor Felice, Vincent DeTore, Frank Schirra, Phillip Bashara and John McGuire to corporal, and the following Pfc. to T/5: Theodore Farmer, William Goldschmidt, Harold Morris, William Orr, Herbert Sink, Joseph Friemen and Wayne Batton. . . . New corporals in Co. L are William Black, Charles Lindsey, William Gibson and Joseph Mack, and a new T/5 is Henry Sanchez. . . . In Hq. Co., 1st Bn., T/5 Robert H. Ward was made corporal, as were Pfc. Leo Addington and Walter B. Baumgarten. Promoted to T/5 were Pfc. Howard Norris, William F. Olcott, Jerome T. McGowan and Arthur Lamebin. . . . Sgt. William R. Dove, Co. C, is to be married this week-end. . . . Co. C's dayroom is being completely refinished inside with knotty pine walls and a plaster-board ceiling. . . . Capt. Donald H. Lowe is new commanding officer of Co. C. . . . Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander, has commended T/Sgt. M. R. Davy, Co. E, for superior rating in Ranger School.

862d F. A.—T/5 Joseph T. Scales, a member of the cadre that formed the 99th Div., first occupant of Camp Van Dorn, has returned, this time to Hq. Btry., after eight months in the Army Air Forces. One of the first men ever stationed in camp, Cpl. Scales had a hand in its construction and says there have been many changes and improvements since he was here last. . . . After 43 months of Army life together, always in the same outfit, 1st Sgt. Franklin E. Goliday and Sgt. Melvin D. Dickson have been separated. Both pulled the same cadres during the more than three years until recently, when Sgt. Goliday left as a cadetman for a new artillery unit. Sgt. Dickson remains with Btry. A. They both come from small towns in Illinois and enlisted at Peoria Sept. 23, 1940.

718th F. A.—Promotions of 31 men were announced this week by Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, battalion commander. Sgt. Harry Brooks, Serv. Btry., was made first sergeant. Promoted to staff sergeant were William F. McCombs, Hq. Btry.; Eugene J. Rutherford and Joseph C. Bujakowski, both of Btry. A; Russel M. Fink and Grover N. Jones, both of Btry. C, and Warren H. Luckel and James D. Rickard, both of Serv. Btry. To sergeant went Cyril E. Joyce, Hq. Btry.; Joseph R. Griswold, Btry. A; James D. Bell, Btry. B; Wilbur M. Harrington, Btry. C, and Clair S. Hammer, Miles D. Coleman and Cosmo Castiglia, all of Serv. Btry. New T/4s are James E. Dishaw and William J. Federer both of Hq. Btry.; Robert P. Kitting, Btry. A; Ernest B. Usher, Joseph K. Lang, Paul J. Keller and Paul Stockton, all of Btry. B, and Henry J. Vincent and William A. Flanagan, both of Serv. Btry. Promoted to corporal were Phillip K. Scott, Hq. Btry.; John E. Eggert, Btry. E, and Frederick W. Plumridge, Serv. Btry.

Gloster to Open New USO Tomorrow

Formal opening of the recently reorganized USO at Gloster will be held at 1530 tomorrow, with special music and refreshments for all servicemen and their guests who are in the town.

Open house programs have been scheduled for each evening next week, Miss Helen M. Stephenson, USO director for the Centreville area, said Friday.

More convenient bus service for men of the Division whose families live in Gloster or who are visiting the town was provided this week when one bus was added to the Moaks Bus Lines schedule. This bus, leaving Camp Van Dorn at 2115 daily, turns around in Gloster and leaves there for camp at 2200.

At Sunday's formal opening of the USO, T/5 Mordecai Bauman, Serv. Co., 255th Inf., former concert and opera singer, will be heard in several vocal solos. Other music will be provided by members of the WAC Det. and by Mrs. Sheldon Smith, of Gloster. The formal address of dedication will be delivered by William G. McLain, McComb attorney who is a native of Gloster. Guests of honor will be Col. R. E. Guthrie, commanding officer of Camp Van Dorn, and Capt. B. J. Bing, camp special services officer.

Dances sponsored by the USO Military Maids are held at 2030 each Saturday evening in USO centers in Gloster, Centreville, Woodville and Liberty.

First 63d RTG Company Finishes Basic Training

The Replacement Training Group's Co. 4, comprising entirely former ASTP men, celebrated the completion of basic training with a dinner Monday night. They were the first RTG group to finish this training phase.

Maj. Frank B. Farr, RTG commander, praised the company's training record and predicted the men would continue to do well in their permanent assignments to regular units of the 63d Div. Maj. Henry D. Reed, RTG executive officer, and Capt. C. P. Crooks, commanding the 1st Bn., also spoke.

Lt. Max Semel, Co. 4 commanding officer, said the men were "the finest I have ever had under my command" and added that their training would result in their becoming excellent combat soldiers.

Entertainment at the dinner included songs by the ASTP band and trio, which includes Pfc. Melvin Haven, Richard Ferrara and Marty Baum. Pvt. Jerry Eskov, former stage entertainer and RTG m. c. provided several humorous skits.

The men came here from Ft. Benning, Ga., where they had received previous training.

Mass for Soldiers' Wives in Centreville Sunday

Arrangements have been completed by B. Maurice Byrne, Centreville USO Director, for Roman Catholic Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 this Sunday at the Centre Theatre, Centreville for soldiers and their wives residing in the town. There are no regular Catholic services in Centreville, and many soldiers and their wives have found it difficult to reach the Camp Van Dorn chapels on Sunday mornings. Father Moran, of Woodville, will be the celebrant.



BATTALION COLORS are presented to T/Sgt. R. K. Bloomer, 718th F. A. Bn. color bearer, by Col. F. T. Unger, battalion commander, at ceremony held last Saturday on Division Parade Ground.

Scores 160 on AGCT

Perhaps the highest score ever made on the Army General Classification Test by a member of the 63d Inf. Div. is the 160—out of a possible 163—registered by Pvt. Harry A. Sidles, a former ASTP student newly assigned to Rgtl. Hq. Co., 254th Inf.

Sidles is 20 years old and comes from Jerome, Iowa. Besides studying at Iowa State College, he worked for more than six years on the family farm.

High academic records and AGCT scores are prerequisites for acceptance in the ASTP. A group of 57 former ASTP students, the first new fillers for the 254th, entered the regiment Thursday to begin a new phase of training in their Army careers. Most are 19 and 20-year-olds who received some training at Ft. Benning, Ga., before assignment to the Blood and Fire Division.

Enlisted Men Entertain At RTG Officers' Dance

Entertainment by men of the Replacement Training Group and music by a unit of the Division Band were provided for a dance of the RTG Officers' Club Friday, April 14. Entertainers included Pvt. Harry McCullough, Co. 3, razor-eating demonstration; Pfc. Leo Delgado and Clarence Jack, Co. 1, guitarists; Pvt. James Paige, Co. 3, tap dancing; Pfc. Melvin Haven, Marty Baum and Richard Ferrara, all of Co. 4, songs, and Pvt. Jerry Eskov, Co. 4, gags and songs.

Natchez Lists Dance At Center for Tonight

There will be an informal dance at the auditorium of the Servicemen's Center at Natchez tonight, starting at 2000. The regular Sun-

Promote 65 Men In 862d F. A. Bn.

A total of sixty-five enlisted men of the 862d F. A. are listed in promotions within the last two weeks.

One man was promoted to master sergeant, one to first sergeant, seven to staff sergeant, seven to sergeant, 12 to T/4, six to corporal and 31 to T/5.

S/Sgt. Harry L. Koubenec, Serv. Btry., was advanced to master sergeant, and S/Sgt. Alfred Ibsen, Btry. A, became first sergeant. The other promotions were:

To staff sergeant: Melvin D. Dickson, Boise W. Hoiges and John T. Duke, all of Btry. A; Gardner R. Long, Frederick B. Lalk and Theodore Geiger, all of Hq. Btry., and Waymon W. Henderson, Btry. C.

To sergeant: Joseph H. Buckley, Victor L. Fezzetta and Paul Ricken, all of Btry. A; Clifford E. Green and Harry M. Powers, Btry. B, and Craig W. Cusick and Richard E. McKee, Serv. Btry. To T/4: Irving C. Stanley and Richard E. Baker, Hq. Btry.; James T. Kilgore, Aca Hohmer, John P. O'Reilly, Anthony R. Centeno and Charles H. Byrne, all of Btry. A; August J. Massey and Joseph F. Blum, Btry. B; Harry R. Arndt, Btry. C, and Tony F. Mauriello and John W. Larkin, Serv. Btry.

To corporal: Robert L. Robinson, Btry. A; Robert J. Freiwald, Arnold J. Weber and Leon D. Paldowski, Btry. B; Joseph J. Nelen, Btry. C, and Daniel A. Miller, Serv. Btry.

To T/5: Walter Feinman, Sewell L. Mudge, Eric E. Baumgart, Andrew G. Nastos, Sheldon H. Harmon, Clifford J. Lanterman, James E. McHugh, Lawrence F. Murphy, John J. Newbury, Leonard Y. Wood and Robert S. Buckelt, all of Hy. Btry.; Harry W. Satterfield, James D. Kilgore, John K. Rich, David L. Reed, Edward G. O'Linec and Alde L. Lonzerotti, all of Btry. A; Sterling L. Hillegas, Robert J. Young, Jr., and Aubrey A. Gregory, all of Btry. B; Joseph J. Holan, Earl C. Krutz, Robert J. Eisenhour, Noybert J. Gaudin, Kenneth T. Gersky and Donald J. McDonnell, all of Btry. C, and George W. Sherman, Frank L. Lopez, John P. McQueen, John P. Mozolic and Edward L. Donnelly, all of Serv. Btry.

day afternoon broadcast from the Center, which has been a weekly feature for several months, will not be held tomorrow afternoon.

During 1943 the Army consumed a little more than 12 billion pounds of food.

Male Call

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



Son Of The Beach





CROSSING RIVERS ON TENTS is child's play to men of 263d Engr. Combat Bn., as they demonstrate in pictures on this page. Above is scene of a stream crossing expedient class of an A & P platoon. Logs are being used to strengthen tarpaulins from GI trucks to be used as bridge pantoons.

254th 'Kwazy Kwiz' Wows Large Crowd At CT White Hall

A hilarious truth-or-consequences program entitled "Kwazy Kwiz," in which no participant was allowed to give a correct answer and all had to suffer consequences, was presented Monday night by the CT White special services staff in CT White Rec. Hall.

Contestants in the program were pulled from the large audience. Then they were quizzed by T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joe Dolin, originators of the show. Helping them were members of the WAC Det., some of whom gave the contestants kisses as rewards, while others took part in the good-natured "punishments."

One private won the audience award as funniest "consequence." He was forced to dress in a Nazi uniform and was sent under escort to Service Club No. 2, where he was required to deliver a Hitlerian address. Two MPs, summoned by the quizmasters, then arrested him amid pandemonium in the Service Club, and everything was straightened out hilariously on the stage of the rec. hall.

Under the direction of Cpl. Jack Sontag, the stage was decorated with streamers, platforms and the words "Kwazy Kwiz," spelled out in gaily-colored cutouts.

The program was publicized with three-color sheets which were distributed throughout the combat team's area. On performance night a three-piece ensemble gathered on the rec. hall roof to blast away at passersby, while Heath and Dolin toured the areas in a jeep, broadcasting in comic style over a portable public address system.

The 254th Inf. orchestra furnished swing music throughout the program.



HERE THEY GO over the river on the bridge made from truck tarpaulins and logs. To demonstrate their faith in their own work, all the men who worked on the project crossed the bridge they'd built.

September Recruit Becomes Master Sergeant in April

From filler to Master Sergeant in eight months is the amazing leap made by M/Sgt. Carl H. Corder, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf.

The popular supply sergeant, who doubles as M. C. at all company functions, was inducted at Ft. Benj. Harrison August 19, 1943, and reported to Camp Van Dorn Sept. 21. His first promotion came after finishing basic training when he made Pfc. and started work in the supply room Nov. 19th. From then on there was no stopping him. A corporal Jan. 12, he made sergeant Feb. 16th. Promoted to S. Sgt. March 24th and put in charge of the supply room, he remained in that grade for less than a month before being made M/Sgt. April 11th.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," the shy, friendly sergeant told a photographer who posed him for the accompanying picture.

Speedy promotion is nothing new to Sgt. Corder, who, before his induction, was State Supervisor of all W. P. A. warehouses in Kentucky.

"I started as a \$12.00 a week clerk in 1935 and soon was given charge of county, then district, then state warehouses," he said. "I also worked in conjunction with the U. S. Treasury Procurement Dept., disposing of all W. P. A. equipment in Kentucky. I sent Lend-Lease equipment to all countries and aided the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in shipping material to the Al-Can Highway."

Of his rapid rise in the Army Sgt. Corder says "I don't know how it happened nor would I know how to advise anyone. I just did my work as it came along. I still think this is too much fuss and excitement."

Sgt. Corder is a slight, sandy haired man of 32 whose affability and wit have made him a popular figure in camp activities. One of his favorite gags was to pin every stripe, from Pfc. to Master Sergeant, on his sleeve, when he was a private entertaining the company. Only 5 feet 5 inches, Sgt. Corder makes up in energy what he lacks in height.

A former Triple A baseball player around his home town, Somerset, Ky., Sgt. Corder is tough and wiry.

He has a twin brother, Homer, who has recently been accepted by the Navy.

"I hope he is as lucky as I was," he said.

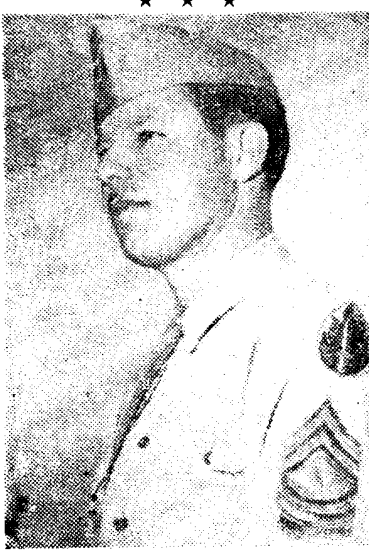
New Non-Coms Feted At 718th F. A. Party

Over 100 newly-appointed non-coms in the 718th F. A. were honored at an open house at the recently renovated Battalion non-coms club last week.

Members of the club council, S/Sgt. Douglas McCracken, president; M Sgt. George Peterka, vice-president; S/Sgt. William Mann, treasurer; and S/Sgt. Arthur McMullen, secretary, assisted by other members of the organization were responsible for the arrangements.

Girls from Natchez, Baton Rouge, Gloster, members of the WAC detachment and wives of the men were among the invited guests, while music for the dancing was furnished by a six-piece orchestra supplied by the 63d Div. Band. Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, battalion commander, was guest of honor.

The teaching of English is being continued in Japanese schools, as a matter of "expedience."



Signal Corps Photo. M SGT. CARL H. CORDER

Vets Returned to U. S. Tell of Overseas Fights

Battle experiments in Africa and Sicily were told by four enlisted men and two officers of the 254th Inf. to members of Group "C" in an orientation period in Theater No. 5 last week.

The program, "We Were There," is a part of a two-week schedule arranged by Lt. George S. Hoar, regimental officer.

"Tough training will help a lot," Pvt. Sammie Lane, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., said. Lane, returned from Sicily after a nervous condition developed, is now a cook.

"All we got was 13 weeks of basic before we were shipped across," he said. "I had my basic at Camp Croft, S. C., and went to a POE as a replacement. When I got to Africa, the battle was just

about over. My platoon was policing and guarding. We were in the front lines, but there was no fighting to speak of until we landed in Sicily. We fought all the way across the island and then nearly all the way down the coast for 28 days."

Warns of Booby Traps

Lane was emphatic in his warning to beware of booby traps and land mines.

"A booby trap can be anything," he said. "Don't forget that—anything! It can be a piece of paper, a pocketbook, a door, a wall. It doesn't have to move. You only have to touch it. I know one man who carried a German Lueger pistol for three days before he found



WHERE WE WILL STRIKE is discussed by 1st Lt. John Gill, Commanding Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf., and Pvt. Adolph Gronbach, German-born American doughboy. Gronbach, who is familiar with many points along the invasion coast, assists in orientation work of the company, and it is one of his displays that Lt. Gill is looking at.

Reopen Phones as Planes Deliver New Equipment

(Continued From Page 1) estimable aid to the telephone company, while Maj. Gibbs said that his men did an "exceptional job."

Maj. Gibbs pointed out that most of the soldiers employed in the task of establishing lines to most of the key points in camp, and operating a switchboard service connecting these and outside commercial lines, were men who only recently had not had much experience in the type of work which they were called upon to perform.

Experience Beneficial The major went on to state that the experience gained in establishing the lines was beneficial to the men and showed especially the importance of discipline inasmuch as the men had to follow to the letter complex instructions and orders in connection with their work.

When reports of the fire reached the 563d it was on a field problem at Homochitto National Forest, some 50 miles away. The company was not equipped for wire laying and upon its immediate return to camp, trucks had to be reequipped for the work of setting up communications.

Eighteen hours after the fire was discovered the Signalmen had some service in operation over Division field phones which had been cut in on the regular commercial circuits through a pair of small GI switchboards.

The cause of the blaze which disrupted all camp telephonic communications at approximately 2240 last Thursday night, was not disclosed.

out that it was a booby trap. They don't always go off right away.

"Don't pick up souvenirs, either. In the first place, they might be booby traps. In the second place, they are useless after you gawk at them a while, and are an extra load to carry. Very few souvenirs may be kept after the battle either. You have to turn in most of them."

A veteran with six wound scars on his body, Lt. Jack L. Maher,

History of Jazz Broadcast Theme

Tracing the development of jazz from its early days to the present, musicians of the 253d Inf. orchestra with T/5 Fred Wiener as narrator, were heard on the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center, Natchez, Sunday afternoon.

The 253d musicians not only played for the broadcast but they also furnished the music for a formal dance sponsored by Co. C, of the Military Maids Saturday night at the Municipal Auditorium. Miss Cora Gaude, 1st Lt., of C Co., led the grand march with Cpl. George Mayers of the 381st Engineer Bn. from Camp Van Dorn.

During the course of the dance the 253d musicians presented a skit based on Army fatigue details in which the bandmen left the stage and circulated among the dancers.

Musical numbers featured on Sunday's broadcast were: "Dixieland," "Twelfth Street Rag," "K-K-Katy," "Louise," "Tea for Two," "Brazil," and "Two o'Clock Jump." Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo, the band's leader, was heard in a violin solo, "The Blue Danube Waltz."

Co. I, also stressed the importance of training here.

"Continuous training makes us do the right thing automatically," he said. "It is the violation of tactical doctrine, not its application, that is the cause of failure in combat."

Describing the enemy, Lt. Maher described the German soldier as an excellent fighter, well disciplined, but a poor marksman with small arms. The German applies support weapons very well, he said.

"They have no great love for dying, despite the Nazi indoctrination," he said, "and they get flustered easily."

"The better prepared you are, the better soldier you'll be," said Maj. Robert Eugene Tucker, 1st Bn., who served overseas for two years, landing at Oran.

Pvt. Mitchell Gallagher, Co. I, who recently had his first furlough in 27 months, told of experiences with the 18th Inf., 1st Div., in North Africa and Sicily. Wading with a heavy load through water over his lips, Gallagher dropped his weapon before reaching the African mainland. Rust ruined the rifle in a few days, he said.

Pvt. Mark Weidman, Co. H, also was with the 1st Div., serving 12 months overseas as a scout and BAR man. One lesson he learned first-hand was not to "bunch up."

"A single shell got 27 men not far from me," he said.

Wounded after three days in action, S/Sgt. Russel Schemik, Co. I, paid tribute to the aid men.

"They get a lot of kidding around training camps, but in the combat zone the aid man is OK," Sgt. Schemik said. "I was fixed up right away and the aid man talked to me all the time so that I forgot the pain."

Maj. Tucker concluded the discussion with a description of the landing at Oran.

"Many men took along all they could carry," he said. "After a few miles they dropped everything and did not have what they needed at the critical time. On leaving a troopship, take only what you will need immediately. The supply service will take care of the rest."