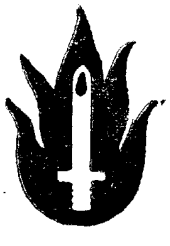




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## 63d Batteries Set High Mark In AGF Tests

### 718th F. A. Guns Average 82.20 to Place Division Among Top Units in Army

Batteries of the 718th F. A. led 63d Div. artillery units to an overall average of 82.20 per cent for the recently completed AGF firing tests, placing the Blood and Fire lightweights and mediums on an equal footing with some of the best now being trained in the U.S. Army. The Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Unger surpassed other complements with a mark of 85.95, Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. Cndr., announced this week.

Pressing the mediums for top honors was the 863d P. A. with an average of 85.72, while the 861th and 862d battalions averaged 77.05 and 80.08 per cent, respectively. Div. Hq. Btry., in its role of coordinator, achieved a rating of Excellent from XXI Corps officers who conducted the tests.

The firing tests comprised three comprehensive problems designed to test the ability of a battalion to deliver an effective weight of fire on designated targets under combat conditions. The problems covered the cardinal principles of field artillery function—march, shoot and communicate—with the emphasis on a battalion's ability to deliver its fire quickly and effectively.

The first phase tried each unit's ability to move, get in its communications and deliver observed fire. The second, tested speed in delivery of fire from photo maps, and the final phase was a trial of secret occupation and delivery of unobserved fire.

## 253d Band to Play New Orleans USO

The 253d Inf. orchestra is scheduled to play for the weekly dance at the USO on Carondelet St., New Orleans tonight. Tomorrow afternoon the band will entertain patients at La Garde General Hospital at 1300, following which it will return to the USO to play for a tea dance.

The appearance of the 253d musicians in New Orleans tonight marks the first time that an orchestra representing the 63d Division has played in the Crescent City. The men are staying at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Arrangement for the appearance of the orchestra were made by T/5 Fred Wiener, assistant to Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, CT Red Special Services officer, and Miss Cecelia Witz, assistant USO director.

## Curfew for Soldiers In Natchez, McComb

A curfew for all Army personnel in Natchez and McComb and their environs has been revived, the Daily Bulletin announced this week.

The curfew hours are 2300 on Sunday and all week-days except Saturday. Saturday night curfew will fall at 0200 Sunday.

Prior to curfew, all Army personnel will be required to leave public gathering places and streets, except those persons whose duties require them to remain.



"WITHOUT A SONG the day would never end," go the words to a well known song, and these young men formerly of the Air Corps, who have been assigned as infantrymen to the 63d Division, believe that a song or two help to lighten the cares of the day and make marching easier. This group from the 254th Inf. is shown swinging along to the tune of "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag."

## Co-eds Will Shift Scenes For 'Robin Hood' Saturday

There will be no "volunteers" detailed to act as stagehands when the two special performances of Reginald de Koven's "Robin Hood," the Louisiana State University opera for 1944, are presented for Blood and Fire men in Theater No. 1 next Saturday, May 6.

For the LSU Lady Scene-shifter's Local has provided five winsome co-eds, who, with all the aplomb of veterans, scramble monkey-fashion up high ladders, huffing and puffing under the weight of a 21-foot castle wall.

They are: Jean Keller, head theater technician, Helen Pfeiffer and her sister Audrey, of New Orleans, Joyce Krah, Searcy, Ark., and Joan De Wiese, Philadelphia, Miss.

### Shift Scenes Rapidly

While Audrey Rae Lavigne, New Orleans soprano, is getting ready to sing the feminine role of Maid Marion and Sgt. John Campbell, of the Division Band is practicing for his role of Robin Hood, the girls, their pretty faces smudged with everything but greasepaint, are changing scenes in 10 minutes flat.

"I'm taking a post-graduate course at LSU," said Miss Keller, whose home is in Grand Rapids, Mich., "and I'm doing this to pay my way."

One of the few males in the cast, Sgt. Campbell, who is on detached service with 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 (Continued on Page 8)

### Chow Champ

Champion "chow-hound" of the 254th Inf. is Pfc. Charles Coffey who gobbled his way to the crown in a pie-eating contest held at a dance sponsored by H and F companies, in the CT White Rec Hall Monday. He out-stirped five other gourmands whose enthusiasm could not match his professional approach.

A buffet table, arranged by S/Sgt. Joseph A. Hart and S/Sgt. Jack Ward, F Co., complemented the swing melodies of the 254th Inf. Orchestra.

Working in conjunction with the 254th Special Service Office, Sgts. Snison Heiman and Seymour Barkowitz promoted the party, at which the following won prizes: Pvt. Lillian Henry, WAC Det. and Pvt. Joe Falco, jitterbugs, Pfc. Lois Cole, WAC Det. and Pfc. John Condon, waltz artists.



Marguerite McClelland

## Division Discontinues Cots at Baton Rouge

Sleeping facilities for men of the 63d Div. which have been available weekends at the Community House on Florida street, Baton Rouge, have been discontinued.

Soldiers desiring lodgings for the weekend are instructed to apply at the USO or the YMCA.

## Bulletin

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, a former soldier who helped build the U. S. Fleet into the greatest in the world, died at 1:08 yesterday. The Secretary became ill last week while attending the funeral of his former business partner, J. A. Muehling, at Manchester, N. H. He was in his 70th year.

## 63d's New Soldiers Say It with Music

With the arrival in the 63d Div. of a number of former Army Air Corps Cadets, assigned to the infantry after the recent pruning of personnel who had originally trained in the AGF, there's been a noticeable lilt in the air. The former air cadets have brought to the Blood & Fire Division a spirited, new zip through their habit of accompanying the tread of marching feet with lively songs that have caught the attention of soldiers and civilian workers throughout the camp.

Although the former cadets acquired the habit while marching to and from classes at air fields throughout the south, they sing mostly infantry songs, such as "Old King Cole," "Glorious, Glorious" (Continued on Page 2)

## Division Minstrels Present Sparkling Show in Rec. Halls

The jovial shades of Emmett Welch, Eddie Leonard and other oldtime minstrel men must have laughed aloud at the Division Special Service's mirthful presentation in blackface of "Mississippi Minstrels," before capacity crowds at CT Red and CT Blue rec. halls Thursday night, at Station Hospital Friday afternoon, and at Special Troops Rec. Hall last night.

And they must have shed a nostalgic tear upon hearing such typical minstrel tunes as "Dixie," "Old Black Joe," and "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

### Spector is Director

The show was written and directed by T/5 Arnold Spector, former musical comedy star, director and playwright, who also created the colorful costumes.

The usual perfunctory "Give the boys in the band a big hand" is hardly adequate to describe the spirited, smoothly working 63d Div. White Orchestra, a 15-piece organization directed by WOJG Harold E. Polakoff, former trumpet player for Dick Stabile and Glenn Miller. The unique musical arrangements are the inspiration of Pfc. Charles Charles (Chuck) Jones, while Irvin Rocklyn, the band's vocalist scored with "Serenade in Blue."

T/5 Lester Heath, CT White Special Service, Interlocutor, opened the show by introducing end men, T/5 Fred Wiener (Sambo Jones) CT Red Special Service and Sgt. Mickey Johnson (Feenamint Swatza) Co. F, 253d Inf., who sang and danced to an original number, "We Are The End Men." This comic duo, Wiener in a fantastic orange bathrobe, yellow tie and checkered trousers, and Johnson in a battered top hat, white trousers and a discarded circus musician's coat, reappeared throughout the show to convulse a delighted audience.

### Bauman Is Heard

Following a choral number, "Ting-a-ling," Cpl. Mordecai Bauman, 255th Inf., former concert and opera singer, sang "It Ain't Necessarily So," and "The House I Live In."

There were strings attached to the next offering, Pvt. Fuzzy Smith, a redheaded marionette whose alter-ego is Cpl. Heath, and who contributed an intricate soft-shoe routine.

Pvt. Jackie Paris, 63d QM seat singer was a sensation in his (Continued on Page 3)

## Soldier's Creed Contest Closes Tomorrow at 2400

What is the creed of the combat soldier?

Soldiers of the Division have until tomorrow at midnight to submit their conceptions of such a creed to BLOOD AND FIRE. The contest which has been running since April 8, closes tomorrow and all entries must be in the mail by 2400.

Every enlisted man with the exception of those on the BLOOD AND FIRE staff is eligible to compete for the prize which will be in the form of a three-day pass authorized by the commanding general.

The rules are simple. Answers should be well-thought out and presented in a clear, concise manner. Manuscripts are limited to 500 words or less.

It is conceivable that soldiers in different branches of the 63d may have different conceptions as

to a combat soldier's creed. The man in the rifle company may have a different idea than the man in an artillery battalion or the soldier in the signal company.

Some of the paramount standards of the modern fighting man are teamwork, personal appearance, discipline, health, courtesy, conduct in combat, proficiency in arms, and mental attitude. These should all be kept in mind by contestants when setting down their ideas of a creed.

The essays will be judged by regimental commanders and the commanding officer of Hq. Sp. Trp. In the event of a tie, final decisions will rest with Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander.

All entries should be mailed or sent through Message Center, addressed to: "Soldier's Creed Contest" (Continued on Page 2)

# KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

Division MP's Motto Is "Courtesy,"  
Their Big Job Is Traffic Control

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.

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One of the most important units in a combat division, yet one of the least understood, is the Combat MP Platoon.

Lurid tales of skull-breaking toughs who acted as MP's during World War I, told by imaginative veterans, are probably responsible for the fixed idea in the minds of present day GI's that MP's are vicious thugs whose only pleasure is derived from bashing in the heads of innocent soldiers. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

As a matter of fact, the motto of the 63d Division MP's is "Courtesy" and the prevailing attitude of American Division MP's all over the world is "For the troops and of the troops." One of the prime requisites of the Combat MP is that he have a combination of tact, patience and a world of common sense.

An MP platoon is part of every combat division and has a job that is vastly more important than harrasing

playful soldiers. Their most important function is the control of traffic in combat areas. Military supplies must be delivered on time and it's the job of the MP platoon to see that they are not delayed.

When the first American troops landed in Casablanca they found MP's already stationed in the city directing traffic. They had gone in with the first wave of troops and were busily unsnarling the weirdest traffic jam ever encountered anywhere.

The traffic control problem of Casablanca was a difficult one. The factors involved in forming a complete and efficient traffic plan were many and varied, and included situations never before encountered in traffic control problems in America.

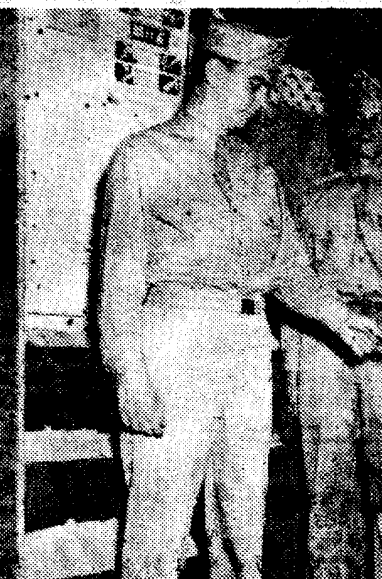
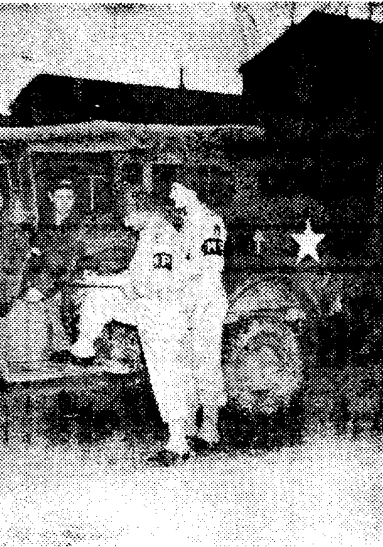
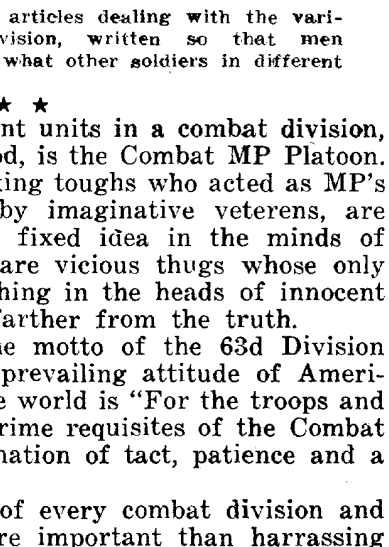
There they found not only the usual problems of personnel and equipment, but a new problem involving education of French police. The city had had no vehicular traffic for over two years due to the absence of gasoline. Native civil and military personnel enforced no traffic regulations in a city that was a maze of interlacing, snake-like streets.

### Traffic Big Problem

Two hundred thousand refugees from all over Europe, plus 200,000 horse-drawn vehicles and bicycles and our own thousands of military vehicles and men, which used the roadnet 24 hours daily, created a perplexing problem for the 20 MP's available for traffic duty. Only two MP's spoke French, one of the many languages used in that city of babel.

That the Combat MP's surmounted these obstacles, straightened out the chaotic traffic jam, and assured a steady flow of supplies and men, is a tribute far above any wordy eulogy.

In addition to his traffic control duties, the Combat MP receives, transports and incarcerates prisoners of war. Utilized as both MP and Infantryman, he must patrol the territory surrounding the troops, know the location of all Command Posts within the division, the route over which all traffic is directed, where the dumps and aid stations are located and



TRAFFIC control is one of the main functions of the MP's and Cpl. Horace L. Parks of 53d MP Battalion is shown, top left, directing traffic at the intersection of 13th avenue and 7th street. Checking drivers and vehicles for permits and observation of the speed laws is another duty. Pvts. Melchoir Pugh and Gordon Sh-nefeld are shown, top right, inspecting the permit of Pfc. Harold Napier, driver. Searching prisoners of war is also done by the MP's. Lower left hand photo shows, Cpl. Joseph Bayerl searching Pvt. Hiram W. Rowland impersonating a German prisoner, while Pfc. Joseph Czepiel stands guard with a carbine. A provisional MP pass is handed Pfc. Thomas C. Kenney who has been supposedly AWOL but who is permitted to return to his organization. Sgt. Arthur W. Lindquist is handing over the pass while Pfc. Robert Murray looks on.

how to make and use an overlay map.

The MP platoon in the Blood and Fire Div. is commanded by Capt. Thomas P. Reaves, Provost Marshal, and consists of 70 men who in addition to their regular military duties control U.S.O. dances and other public functions in nearby towns at which soldiers are present.

A combat MP must have an IQ well over 100, be 5'10" or over and well built physically. Ages run between 25 and 30 years and they must be courteous, intelligent, well trained and disciplined, and must have expert knowledge of all the light weapons of the division in addition to driving all vehicles. Criminal, accident and vice investigations are a part of their daily job.

### Protect and Advise Men

When our MP's are on town patrol their prime objective is to protect and advise every enlisted man.

One of the major concerns while town patrolling is the constant check against business men who would mulct the soldiers. "Off Limits" establishments are patrolled, not for the purpose of denying the soldier, but to protect him against unsanitary conditions, unfair prices and V. D.

All disciplinary records of the division are kept by the MP's. In order to keep a clear record for the division, they return minor infractions to the Company Commander rather than to the post Guardhouse. A Division MP often arrests a man or sends him back to camp to keep him from molestation by other MP's. Most recent MP aid to the soldier is the Provisional MP pass. A soldier who has run afoul of the MP's and would normally have been arrested, is given a provisional pass in exchange for his regular pass, and sent on his way, free from further MP trouble. Any further action is up to his Company Commander.

All MP's are 24-hour soldiers, 50 per cent being under alert at all times, in addition to the regular garrison duties and details.

The Combat MP, "For the troops and of the troops," is your buddy. Overseas you'll share your C rations with him and, in return, he'll probably be able to tell you where you can get the best drink of Saki in Tokyo. He's as GI as you are, fights the same enemy and has the same hopes for the future.

### Creed Contest Ends Tomorrow at 2400

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test, BLOOD AND FIRE. Public Relations Office, 63d Inf. Div., APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss."

There is still time for hundreds of soldiers to prepare their conception of a creed and submit them through the mail before midnight tomorrow. A three-day pass is a prize greatly desired by men of the division. It can be obtained by winning this contest.

The winning essay will be printed and distributed throughout the division. Keep it short, and snappy and make it good!

Every eight minutes since December 7, 1941, one American man has been killed, wounded or captured.

### Scotch for Terrier

"Hey soldiers have a heart—OUR dog is worth a fifth of the best Scotch and a ten-dollar bill to us. He is a male English Manchester-terrier, black, with short hair, very shiny body with tan feet and legs. He is tan around the mouth, and has tan dots over the eyes. He has a long tail, white chest, weighs approximately seven pounds and is seven months old. He answers to the name of 'Butch' Call collect or write Ted Herring, Phone 106, c/o National Supply Co., Natchez, Miss. I will bring the reward with me when I hear from you."

### Division's New Soldiers Are Saying It with Music

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ous," and "I've been working on the railroad," old doughboy stand-bys.

"And why not?" queried one private, who requests anonymity "We're all former AGF men, mostly infantry. We have never forgotten our first love and I, for one, am glad to be back with the doughboys."

"Another thing! I'm tired of hearing people say they're sorry for us. It's true that some of us regret losing commissions but, for myself, I'm glad to be back amid the comradeship the Infantry offers."

Although singing while marching is forbidden on Infantry tactical problems, it is conceded that, while marching around camp, there's no better morale tonic than the sound of lusty male voices combined with the visual thrill of smartly cadenced marching.

With the influx of air corps men, all of whom are 26 or younger, and who's average AGCT score is 120, has come a spirit of youthfulness and pep. Sixty per cent of the new men are college trained, and all are seasoned soldiers.

Personnel of the Quartermaster Corps has expanded from 100,000 in 1941 to more than 400,000 at the end of 1943.

## Officers Promoted In 254th Infantry

Two second lieutenants were promoted, and three lieutenants and a WOJG were assigned in the 254th Inf. this week.

Promoted to 1st Lt. were Lawson M. Kateley, athletic and recreation officer, and James W. Dollar, Co. G.

Lt. Kateley, a resident of Yonkers, N. Y. was a physical director in civilian life. Entering the Army in Sept. 1942, he was attached to the 31st Div. at Camp Shelby, Miss. Upon graduation from OCS in June, 1943, he was assigned to the Blood & Fire Division.

Lt. Dollar, a Tennessean, joined the 117th Inf. at Ft. Jackson, N. C., Nov., 1940, advancing to the grade of 1st/Sgt., after which he attended OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Assigned to the 254th this week were: 2d Lt. Leconte Cathey, 1st Lt. Nicholas Musachio, 2d Lt. John K. Foster and WOJG Joseph E. Smith.

Lt. Cathey, former electrical engineering student, goes to Co. E, while Lt. Musachio, Ft. Bragg, N. C., joins the Med. Det. Lt. Foster, who recently returned from New Caledonia in the southwest Pacific, assumes the duties of 3d Bn. S-2.

WOJG Smith, formerly with 763d Ordnance Co., was assigned as regimental munitions officer Wednesday, the same day he received his warrant. He is a member of the National Rifle Association, and worked at machine gun assembly as a civilian.

### CT White Gives Show Dance at Club No. 2

Working on the theory that a service club audience would rather dance than sit still, the Special Service officer of CT White presented a tiny stage show at Service Club No. 1 and then sent the 254th Inc. orchestra into a medley of dance tunes, Wednesday night.

The short program featured the band in two novelties, Miss Ellie Shaw in an act with marionettes, and Cpl. Leslie Heath in a skit.

## The Wolf by Sansone



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

It's just human, I reckon, that all of us like to get into the old groove in our daily lives. We like to know ahead of time just what is going to happen every minute of the day and year and, if it doesn't turn out the way we have planned it, we are upset.

This is natural because most of us and our ancestors before us have been raised to do that and it has its good points as well as bad. If we don't look ahead and plan, we usually get no place. Just imagine trying to train an outfit with no prepared schedules and nobody knowing what they were going to do until they arrived on the drill field!

But it's this business of getting upset about things that don't pan out right that makes the difference between a trained soldier ready for combat and the untrained one, because there ain't no groove in battle and the unexpected is always poking you in the



face. If you haven't learned to roll with a punch and get set for the next one while you are doing it, then you better get busy right now and correct same.

Let me tell you about an old company commander I once had. He knew that the fires of battle were hotter than any flame-throwers can put out and he was a past master in the art of giving us a mental asbestos suit in preparation for that fiery furnace. He spent all of his time cooking up the unexpected and throwing it at us. We were ignorant and green enough to hate his guts for it at first, but pretty soon we got to liking it and later on, when I found myself in the battle-swept zone, where everything was always in a hell of a mess, I thanked my lucky stars for that training.

## Natchez Dance Draws Crowd to Auditorium

Because of the large number of soldiers present, an informal dance scheduled for the Servicemen's Center at Natchez, Saturday night was held at the Municipal Auditorium instead. The grand march was led by Miss Louise Swain, captain of Co. D, Military Maids and Pvt. Sheldon Sherman, Co. E, 255th Inf.

The broadcast from the Center on Sunday was held at 1605 despite an announcement earlier in the week that it had been canceled. Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White Special Services office acted as announcer and master of ceremonies. Miss Mamie Junkin of Natchez sang two solos, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," and "Indian Love Call." Pfc. Dolin conducted the audience in a community sing during the remainder of the program.

Soldiers of the Division together with other servicemen for Mississippi and Louisiana camps visited historic homes in the city and enjoyed refreshments at the Center following the tours.

## Former Artilleryman Now a Combat 'Legman'

Pvt. Perry R. McMahon, former Pittsburgh Press reporter, beat his battalion overseas.

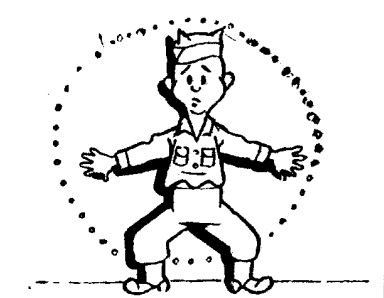
McMahon was with Btry. A, 863d F. A., where he was BLOOD AND FIRE reporter, until he left the 63d Div. to serve overseas as a "combat legman." "Legmen" in newspaper work are reporters who gather news which they seldom write, but which they turn over to rewrite men in an office.

The Army Ground Forces have organized a corps of combat legmen to work with newspaper and radio correspondents in various theaters of war, and McMahon was among the first to be sent overseas.

The old buzzard would sneak into the barracks in the dead of night and a sleeping squad leader would be shaken awake and given an order to take his squad to do a night patrol or some other God-awful thing and he'd catch hell if some joker turned out without a full canteen or some equipment, or if his squad did a lousy job.

He'd hike hell out of us and along about the twenty-third mile of a 25-mile hike, when our tongues were hanging out and all we could think of was a cold schooner of beer, he'd yank out a squad or a platoon or take the entire company and attack an enemy position.

It got to be a game between the old man and ourselves and many a bet was made on what damn fool thing he would think of next. But in an amazing short time we began to get the idea that we were a bunch of toughies who could take it and the old morale went up like a thermometer on a Mississippi July day. We got to pitying the other outfits that were leading a feathered existence. GUs and AWOLs got to be non-existent. We shot circles around the others on the rifle range and ran circles around them on maneuvers.



The payoff came one day when the regimental commander demanded to know why we were not taking part in an attack although the order called for us to be one of the assault companies. He could see all the others, but not us because we were using the old cover and concealment to beat hell.

We really were an unpopular outfit for a while. When somebody wised him up, "By God," he said as he banged on the table and shouted, "in the future all of you will do it this way." And they did, and so you know, it wasn't long before they were asking it, too. And, to my prejudiced way of thinking, that was one of the big reasons why that regiment has a fine war record today, and it all started from one wise old company commander.

# Men of 254th Discuss Ways To Eliminate Future Wars

That the United Nations should do everything within their power to eliminate the cause of future wars rather than merely seek revenge for the past wrongs which caused the present world maelstrom, was the conclusion of a debate recently which brought opinions from six enlisted men of the 254th Inf. in a regimental orientation program held at Theater No. 5. The debaters were Pfc. George Kent, Eugene Annone, and Edward Rem, all of Co. I, and Pfc. John Denning, Co. A, Pfc. Benjamin Gardner, and Pfc. Lester Globel, both of Co. B. T/5 Nathan Guttman was moderator, and the program was sponsored by Lt. George S. Hoar, regional orientation officer.

Kent, Annone and Rem all demanded that the men who sit around the table at the Unconditional Surrender conference between the Allies and the Germans and Japs handle the enemy with a firm hand.

Kent based his judgment on an analysis of the Nazi crimes against humanity. "A vast horde of crimes have been committed by the Nazis, and by the soldiers of the German army," he outlined a five-point proposal for peace which would call for the execution of Hitler and his Nazi leaders, demobilization of the German armed forces, the breaking up of Germany into small states, depriving the German people of ac-

## Series of Parties Staged by 254th

Parties in the company day-rooms of the 254th Inf. were more numerous than April showers this week. With company funds repleted by a fresh deluge from PX dividends, the men enjoyed a social season reminiscent of graduation week gaiety.

Girls from nearby cities and towns, and complements of WACs and civilian guests from the post, had occasion to see what GI cooks can do to add flavor to a party. Co. I surprised its visitors with 165 lbs. of chicken, while Cannon Co. offered a tableload of spaghetti and meatballs. Beer and soft drinks flowed freely at all parties.

Companies reporting parties were: Friday night, April 21, Co. D, Hq., Medics and 1st Bn.

Tuesday night, April 24, Cannon Co., Service Co. and Companies I, E, G, K, and Hq. and Hq.

Monday, April 23, 3d Bn. and all members of 863d F.A.

cess to raw materials of war, and making German labor battalions repair war damage to other countries.

**Would Exterminate Germans**  
The views of Pfc. Annone were more strict. He would not exterminate the German nation as a whole, but would favor mass sterilization of the German males, therefore eliminating the Aryan strain in the course of a generation or two.

"The Germans themselves have become masters of sterilization," Annone pointed out. "They have reportedly sterilized 300,000 persons in their own country and 700,000 in Poland." In addition, he suggested that the Germans further be made incapable of waging future wars by strict limitation of their postwar industries and the restoration or recompense for all stolen property to the victims of Nazi war aggression.

The need for breaking the Junkers militarism within Germany was stressed by Pfc. Rem. He pointed out that for the last 150 years the Junkers class has been the leaders of the German military and naval might, and that they as well as the Nazis must be exterminated. Rem maintained that the Germans should also be made to pay for their responsibility in the war in money, food, material, and manpower.

**Inhuman Methods Futile**  
Pointing out the futility of inhuman methods of revenge, Pfc. Denning called for a fair trial of the war criminals. He advocated immediate post-war reduction of Germany to its pre-war level, giving Prussia to Poland and Russia; Alsace-Lorraine to France, and the Sudetenland to Czechoslovakia. He maintained a joint German-Allied council should administer Germany after the war for the purpose of "bettering the lot for all the people."

Gardner, who is a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and who fought in Spain from 1937 to 1939, said that there were "two Germanys—the people who followed Nazism, and those who sought freedom for their country." He cited the vast unemployment of German youth following the last war as one of the causes of the present conflict. He pointed out how big industrialists such as Fritz Thyssen had aided Hitler's rise to power by promising to rid the country of trade unions and free popular organizations.

**Milder Treatment**  
"In order to bring Germany back into the family of nations, I believe we must treat German economy in the same light as we will treat the economy of the occupied countries," he said. He quoted a suggestion of Vice President Henry Wallace that a better living standard for the peoples of the defeated Axis must be sought as well as for the victorious Allies. Extermination, sterilization, and the destruction of German industry would only sow the seeds of another future war, he said.

# 148 Enlisted Men Get New Ratings From 253d Outfit

Promotions of 148 enlisted men of the 253d Inf. were announced recently by Col. Edward P. Luert, regimental commander. The men and their new ratings are:

**Staff sergeant:** Donald J. Arthur, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Harold D. Beckett, Co. D; Irvin E. Clevier, Co. E; James E. Collins, Co. F; Donald M. Combs, Co. D; Chester J. Grusinski, Co. E; John Rendulick, Co. G; William G. Weaver, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; and Charles E. Jacquin, Serv. Co.

**Sergeant:** Stanley Weglarz, Co. K; Melvin R. Angus, Can. Co.; William J. Bennett, Co. H; Joe Carr, Co. L; Paul E. Clark, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Stanley B. Cramer, Co. H; James D. Decker, Co. K; Joseph H. Donoracki, Co. H; Forrest J. Downey, Co. K; Albert J. G-lant, Co. E; Justice B. Harrison, Co. G; Lonzo Howell, Co. G; Steve Hucko, Co. H; Cyril Kasinak, Co. K; Sherwood Marvel, Co. D; Robert J. Maynard, Can. Co.; Edward J. Mucker, Co. G; Arnold W. Preece, Co. F; Wayne A. Reagan, Co. I; Salvatore A. Ross, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Michael Sarubbi, Co. I; Rob't Richey, Co. F; Donald O. Smith, Co. H; Roger R. Sparks, Can. Co.; Franklin P. Thomaschek, Co. G; Vaughan O. Waite, Co. F; John D. Walsh, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; John Walton, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Walter H. Young, Co. H; Benjamin A. Holland, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., and Earl J. Stitley, Co. G.

**Promoted to T-4:** Louis Balzarini, Can. Co.; Arthur J. Fuld, Hq. and Hq. Co.; Joseph Herrera, Co. I; Gene Macciotti, Co. E; and Norman P. Neil, Co. K.

**Corporal:** Philip Marr, Co. M; Paul Parris, Co. C; Thomas H. Yeargan, Co. L; John G. Abate, Co. B; Frederick Addis, Co. B; Robert Albert, Co. B; Carl V. Anderson, Co. E; Walter Balan, Co. D; Kenneth Berkheimer, Co. E; Raymond J. Blossfield, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Robert E. Borchers, Co. I; Seymour D. Buckner, Can. Co.; Rudolph D. Cerantolo, Co. G; Philip Colosimo, Co. I; Manuel H. P. Companaris, Co. B; Prince A. Curtis, Co. L; Lovell Distzell, Co. B; Albert Finch, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Gilbert T. Fox, Co. I; George H. Hahn, Co. D; William J. Fox, AT Co.; Paul C. Hamel, Co. D; Richard W. Holmes, Co. B; Alvin H. Hughes, Co. A; Marvin E. Karr, Co. C; Melvin W. Karr, Co. C; Roy A. Kauer, Co. G; Roman J. Korczynski, Co. H; John L. Liberators, Co. E; Leonard Little, Co. D; Harold Mahar, Co. A; Mike Maluzhinsky, Co. C; William H. Preston, Co. C; Samuel Replanski, Co. D; Andrew Richnalski, Co. K; Lasie Rinckenberger, Co. C; Howard Rogers, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Martin Schopp, Co. D; Forest Shoulters, Co. H; Fred C. Smith, Co. K; Burton E. Swan, Co. C; Joseph G. Swinhard, Co. G; Joseph G. Szwaganski, Co. G; Warren H. Thirion, Co. D; David Thomas, Co. L; Ralph Ventis, Co. D; Donald C. Watkins, Co. H; John P. Webb, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Sydney Weisner, Co. H; William L. Whithead, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; James E. Buckner, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Donald Eney, Co. H; Peter Karlovich, Co. H; Maurice Liberators, Co. E; and Clarence A. Connolly, Co. H.

**Advanced to T/5:** Lloyd A. Johnson, Can. Co.; Henry Kopf, Co. B; Gwynor O. H. Leroy, Serv. Co.; Benjamin Lincoln, Co. I; Francis Lysekowski, Serv. Co.; Robert V. Mayer, AT Co.; Freddie McChesney, Can. Co.; William F. Shoel, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Gustave Sneykal, Co. A; Edwin R. Snyder, AT Co.; William K. Stebler, Serv. Co.; Donald Swaney, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; Robert W. Bard, Co. B; David Anderson, Co. K; Andrew G. Bell, Co. D; Alvin E. Bueler, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Fred Capodanno, Co. D; Leonard Clark, Hq. 1st Bn.; Raymond DeCamp, Co. A; Charles T. Drafter, Co. C; Eliseo Ferravio, Co. I; Leo M. Fong, Co. K; Francis Giusiniana, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Sylvester Herbst, Serv. Co.; Joseph S. Hollinger, Serv. Co.; Clarence B. Hoke, Co. E; Leslie Robinson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Billy Stage, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; William Starkey, Serv. Co.; James C. Campbell, Harold J. Carlin, Robert J. Gastineau, Rudolf Hengst, Lambert Howell, Benjamin King, William Kubovsz, Ralph K. Polich, Robert G. Purdy, Zoltan E. Papp, Dominic Salvatore and Phillip M. Scala, all of Hq. and Hq. Co.; Bernard Grabner, Co. C; Calvin H. Davis, Serv. Co., and John A. Leonard, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.

**Pfc.:** Aaron Collins, Hq. and Hq. Co.

## Division Minstrel Show In Two Rec. Halls

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singing of "I Can't Get Started With You," and "Big Fat Mama." He also did a faithful interpretation of a Bill Robinson tap dance.

The show ended after Cpl. Burman had sung "Old Man River" and joined the chorus in a grand finale singing "Dixie."

Men of the chorus were: Pvt. Savar, Co. C, 254th Inf., Cpl. John Graves, C Btry., 861st F. A., Pfc. John Vanderhoof, B Btry., 861st F. A., Pvt. Donald McLaughlin, B Btry., 861st F. A., Pvt. Sidney Kieselstein, Service Co., 254th Inf., Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, Co. H, 25th Inf., Pvt. Mark Wheeler, Co. 7, RTG, Pfc. Marlin Merrill, AT, 255th Inf., Pvt. Al Lewin, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 254th Inf., Sgt. Dan Goldstein, Div. Hq., T/5 Raymond Wachter, Service Co., 255th Inf.

Soldiers are operating in snow and extremely cold climates are issued a special whiskbroom to brush snow and frost from clothing and equipment.



"Thanks to Seaman Dugan, we've had standing room only since he sent her for our trophy room!"  
—American Legion News Service.

## Religious Services

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**  
Sunday  
Chapels 5, 7, 8 and 10, 0900.  
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion, 1000.  
Chapel 5, Episcopal Holy Communion, 1100.  
Chapels 5, 6, 8 and 10, 1900.  
Chapel 7, 1100.  
Chapel 8, 1100 (Lutheran).  
Sunday Afternoon and Weekday  
Chapel 6, Concert Hour, 1530 Sunday.  
Co. A Day Room, 263d Med., 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, 0800.  
Theater 3, 0900.  
CT Blue Rec. Hall, 0930.  
Theater 1, 1030.  
Weekday Masses  
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1930.  
Chapel 5, Monday, 1830, Novena, Merciful Mass.  
Chapel 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1730.  
Chapel 10, Tuesday, 1830, Novena and Benediction.  
Confession  
Chapel 5, Saturday, 1830-2000.  
Chapel 10, Saturday, 1900-2100.  
**JEWISH SERVICES**  
Friday  
Hospital, 1830.  
Chapel 7, 2000.  
Sunday  
Chapel 9, 1000.  
**MORMON SERVICES**  
Chapel 8, Sunday, 1400.  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**  
Chapel 1, Sunday, 1100.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Chapel 1, Friday, 1930.

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## EDITORIAL

### SINGING SOLDIERS

Flooded by a deluge of favorable comment about the recent arrival in the Blood and Fire Division of the "Singing Soldiers," this office has been just about forced to editorialize on the pleasant phenomena.

If it's a joy to hear just anyone sing during times of strife, it's a double delight to hear the voices of sweat-begrimed foot-soldiers raised in song.

There's a clue to the character of the American soldier, plainly visible to all who know the story of hard work and disappointment experienced by our new buddies. The average GI has, as his most important piece of equipment, a sense of humor which enables him to shake off the most dire occurrence, twisting it into a laugh or a good, throaty song.

In addition to the "Singing Soldiers," another musical note was struck by the introduction of "Singing Orientation" by Division Artillery at Theater No. 1 this morning.

If there's a choice between singing and griping—keep singing, soldier. If you can fight together as well as you sing together—it's all over but the shouting about who gets the choicest seat at the peace table.

### ENTERTAINMENT

From time to time Division Special Services and similar units representing the various combat teams have sponsored various forms of entertainment in an effort to amuse and provide activities for soldiers.

The 63d has a wealth of talent from the stage and radio as well as the field of athletics. Men who were outstanding in these fields have willingly given their time to help amuse their fellow soldiers.

Thursday night the Special Services office sponsored a minstrel show at the CT Red and Special Troops rec. halls. Both were filled with appreciative audiences. Last Tuesday afternoon the New Orleans Pelicans were brought to camp to play a picked team composed of 63d Division men. That the soldiers lost by a one-sided score is beside the point. Lack of sufficient practice was one big reason.

Despite these efforts, however, men have been heard to complain because they cannot find sufficient to amuse them in camp. We feel that these complaints, in the main, are unreasonable. We also feel that the soldier who says he missed some form of entertainment or another because he didn't know about it, has only himself to blame.

Advance notice of most coming attractions are posted on company bulletin boards and on the walls of rec. halls. "BLOOD AND FIRE" also carries these announcements together with the weekly theater schedule. What more can be done? Soldiers who keep their eyes and ears open will know what is coming in the amusement world. A word to the wise is sufficient.



Which Fuse Will Be Lighted By The Second Front?

## News from Here and There

### 'Healthiest Boy' Exam Baffles N. Y. Inductee

NEW YORK (CNS)—"Wow, they're really scraping the bottom of the barrel," muttered an inductee at New York's Grand Central Palace as he gazed perplexedly at a group of 13 and 14-year-old kids undergoing the same pre-induction physical examinations he and the rest of a group of adult draftees were taking.

The kids weren't being examined for Army Service, however. They were just being tested for New York's annual "Healthiest Boy" contest. Winner of the contest was Joseph Guariscio, Jr., 13, whose brother is a Marine in the South Pacific. His reward was a hot plate of GI chow.

### Burmese Take Coogan For God of the Air

BURMA (CNS)—F/O Jackie Coogan is accustomed to idolatry. As a child movie star, he was gasped at and sighed at from coast to coast. But he had to come all the way to Burma before anyone mistook him for a god.

Coogan, the first glider pilot to land Allied troops behind the enemy lines in Burma, said that the Burmese natives thought he was a god when they saw him alight in their paddy fields.

### Three Hard Boiled Eggs Get Hen Fruit at Front

ITALY (CNS)—Baggy-eyed and battle-weary, Sgt. Bill Harr of Baltimore, and Sgt. Bob Gienapp, of Waterloo, Iowa, were bouncing back from the front in a jeep. The day was dark and drizzily and their morale was lower than a midget's knee.

Suddenly a whiskery infantryman stepped into the road and waved them to a stop. He stuck his hand into his pocket. "Guess what I've got?" he exclaimed, laughing wildly.

"Betty Grable?" asked Harr soothingly.

"Nope," said the infantryman, "a hard-boiled egg."

Whereupon he cracked the dainty morsel and peeled it expertly. Then he produced a knife and sliced the delicacy into three equal parts. The three men ate, smacked their lips, shook hands, and parted, their day considerably brightened.

### Vets Are Assured Help Of U. S. in Job Quests

WASHINGTON (CNS)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt has assured discharged veterans that specific information on job opportunities in all the principal cities of every state will be made available to them in the

government's efforts to place them in these jobs.

Mr. McNutt said this information will be available at the United States Employment Service offices and will be revised monthly to indicate the expected labor demand six months in advance.

The National Association of Manufacturers also is speeding a plan whereby preparations by individual companies for re-employment of returning servicemen will be stimulated throughout American industry.

### Hero Who Killed 10 Nazis Is Honored

ALGIERS (CNS)—The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to Pvt. Nicholas Minue, 44-year-old Regular Army infantryman and World War I veteran who single-handedly stormed a German machine gun nest in Tunisia and bayoneted 10 Nazis to death before he was fatally wounded.

### Who Says This Ain't A Democratic Army?

INDIA (CNS)—Cpl. John Wolfe, a staff car chauffeur, was driving along a muddy road with a load of brass in the rear seat. Suddenly the car became mired in the mud and wouldn't move. Cpl. Wolfe gazed hopelessly at the hub-deep muck.

One of Wolfe's passengers, a general, turned to the others, a colonel and two lieutenant colonels, and said: "Well, gentlemen, what are we waiting for?"

Then one star, one eagle and two silver leaves proceeded to push two stripes and a staff car out of a muddy hole.

### Marine Nabs Nip, Then Is Ordered to Bury Him

NEW BRITAIN (CNS)—Marine Cpl. Edward J. Maleski of Southport, Conn., saw a Jap take a bead on some of his buddies with a grenade. Maleski potted him before he could throw it.

When an officer came up and asked who had killed the Jap, Maleski stepped forward proudly. "Well," said the officer, walking away, "you'd better bury him."

### Thousands Are Seeking Transfers to Infantry

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has announced that thousands of enlisted men under 32 recently requested transfer to the Infantry so that they can "fight the enemy at close quarters." In many cases these requests are being granted, the WD added.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Saul Miller  
(Division Artillery Center)

There comes a time in every man's life when he needs a sense of proportion and a perspective that makes the world fit together into a pattern which makes sense. It needs to be simple enough to explain itself, it needs to be intelligent enough to be held up under questioning. It needs to be strong enough to withstand trying times.

Dr. A. R. McLaughlin of Peoria, Ill., received such a statement from a very good friend who was for years minister of the American Church in Paris. It is entitled "A Plain Man's Creed."

I believe in God the Father, Brother, Maker and Redeemer of my soul. I believe He speaks to us in a language manifold. By words, by objects, by signs, by gifts, by mysteries too vast to be explored, by impression which any little child can understand.

I believe we may speak to Him; by prayer, by praise, by deeds, by upward look of trust, by downward look of grief and shame for signs, by thoughts that lie too deep for words or even tears. I believe He has called us to a new life in the pattern of His own dear son, our Lord. A life of love, of joy, of peace, of purity of truth. A life distinguished by good heart, good will, good sense, good times. A life which ends not with the grave.

I believe He has sent us forth commissioned to a field. A field beginning at our doorstep and stretching on to every habitation of mankind. A field for tillage and for battle; where work receives its wage and war is not without its victory. Where the humblest weapon or utensil one may wield by faith is touched with mystic power. Where they who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

And I believe when this little day of toil and strife is over, and the shadows come, the twilight of the evening shall suffuse with dawn, and standing at the portals of that celestial morn I shall see at last my Master and receive from Him the word "Well done."

## G. I. Jingles

### 'AIMEE' VS. 'AMY'

Aimee, sweet Aimee, how gentle that name sounds!  
Aimee, dear Aimee, yet sweet but so profound;  
Aimee, pretty Aimee, like a robin's song it calls  
And I hear its lovely music as on my ear it falls.  
I hear it whispered by the wind as it rushes by,  
I hear it in the rustling leaves, for it's Aimee that they sigh.

I read it in the stars at night as I rest my weary head

And I trace its outline in the sky from my warrior's bed.

The cold damp earth has no effect, the reason I can see;

The warmth of Aimee's name is the warmth that fires me.

It reaches deep into my heart and finds some tinder there

And starts a conflagration burning up my woes and care.

So, Aimee, I beseech you in each letter that you write,

Resolve to sign it Aimee even tho it isn't right.

Amy may be pretty and your given name,  
But I will still write Aimee even tho my hand goes lame.

And so, dear merciful Aimee, please grant me this desire,

For I'm your combat soldier from the mighty Blood and Fire.

—By S/Sgt. Thomas J. Carroll,  
Med. Det., 254th Inf.

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—Pfc. Anthony J. Ficca,  
Med. Det., 254th Inf.

# Japanese Stole Jujitsu, Says Vet, Who Is Expert

"The Japanese stole jujitsu from the Chinese and led the world to believe that this deadly method of manual self-defense originated in the flowery kingdom. Thus they convicted themselves of being both liars and thieves, in addition to winning the championship ribbon for treachery at Pearl Harbor."

This indictment of the Japanese was made by a man who knows them from close contact with them in their home islands through years of service with the U. S. Navy in the Far East. He is S/Sgt. Cardon L. Marshall, Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

### Learned Art in China

The sergeant, a six-footer weighing 230 pounds, learned jujitsu while he was stationed in China in 1927-28, and did post-graduate work with outstanding Japanese and Chinese experts. He accumulated an enviable "scholastic" record in the form of bumps and bruises that would have broken the bones of a less rugged individual.

When he joined the Army in 1930, the sergeant taught jujitsu to his fellow soldiers, and was soon winning official recognition for his work. Moreover, he was winning championships, such as the Corps area crown, won at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

After six years in the Army he served a hitch with the Marine Corps Reserves, where he stayed for a year. Once mustered out he kept in touch with the military atmosphere in the Indiana National Guard, remaining a civilian until his induction June 6, 1942.

Marshall's most recent assignments at various camps throughout the country have been to teach close combat and individual fighting. From Jan. 1943, to Jan. 1944, he graduated over 1500 men from his Army-sponsored schools.

These men, the sergeant said,

were trained to the point where they qualified as instructors and were used by their regiments as such. The course, he said, requires 95 hours of extensive work, after which even Casper Milquetoast could defend himself successfully against Superman.

### Developed by Priests

Returning to the Japanese theft of jujitsu from the Chinese, Sgt. Marshall, who has studied the written history of the art, said it was developed by ancient Chinese priests who were forbidden by their religion to use weapons for protection. The Japanese, in one of their marauding visits to the mainland, picked up the system and brutalized it, finally becoming so proficient in its practice that the western world attributed the intricate art to them.

Very few Caucasians have ever attained the same degree of skill in jujitsu as the Japanese and Chinese experts.

Right now the sergeant's chief ambition is to establish another school to spread the knowledge of the art, which, he believes, every soldier should know.

"Wouldn't it be a poetic justice for our men to use the same system of which the Japs are so proud to toss them on their 'honorable' backs and break their 'honorable' necks?" he asked.

Marshall, who is 34, keeps in fighting trim by jousting with the men of Cannon Co., but, of necessity, he doesn't unleash any of his tricks until the Cannoneers become fairly well steeped in the art.

Immediately before induction, Marshall's last job as a civilian was teaching welding in a school for the deaf and dumb in Indianapolis, Ind., his home town. An expert in sign language, he sings high praises for his mute pupils.

# 255th Forum Deals With Readjustment

Under the general topic of "Postwar Adjustments," Lt. Ralph B. Bond, orientation officer of the 255th Inf., presented a series of four one-hour forums on Wednesday and Friday.

One hour was devoted to each of the three battalions, and the special units of the regiment.

T/5 Mordecai Bauman, Serv. Co., and entertainment director of the regiment, opened the forum by reading a summary of the latest news developments. When he finished, Cpl. John B. Lyman, orientation assistant, opened the discussion in a novel manner by appearing as a disgruntled soldier who didn't believe there were any postwar plans for returning servicemen.

Subsequent answers to the questions raised by Cpl. Lyman revealed that, while the problem of readjustment aid has not been solved completely, many plans are being formulated to render every assistance to the men whose careers were interrupted by their induction into the armed forces. The plans, the forum pointed out, will gradually crystallize as the problem comes into focus, and servicemen need have no fear that the sacrifices they are making will be forgotten when peace comes.

Statements by military and civilian leaders were quoted to prove that soldiers, sailors and marines, and their feminine counterparts, will receive every attention merited by their service.

# Captain Schaff Becomes Major

Promotion of Capt. C. W. Schaff, 254th Regimental S-3, to the rank of Major was announced this week.

Maj. Schaff, who has been with the 254th Inf. since last May, is a native of Indiana, where he was graduated from the University of Indiana in 1931. As a civilian he was a pharmaceutical chemist but spent four of his summers between 1931 and 1938 at the CMTC at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Called to active service in Sept., 1941, Schaff, then a 1st Lt., went to Ft. Benning, Ga. Early in 1942 he was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga., and, subsequently, joined the 82d Div. at Camp Claiborne, La.

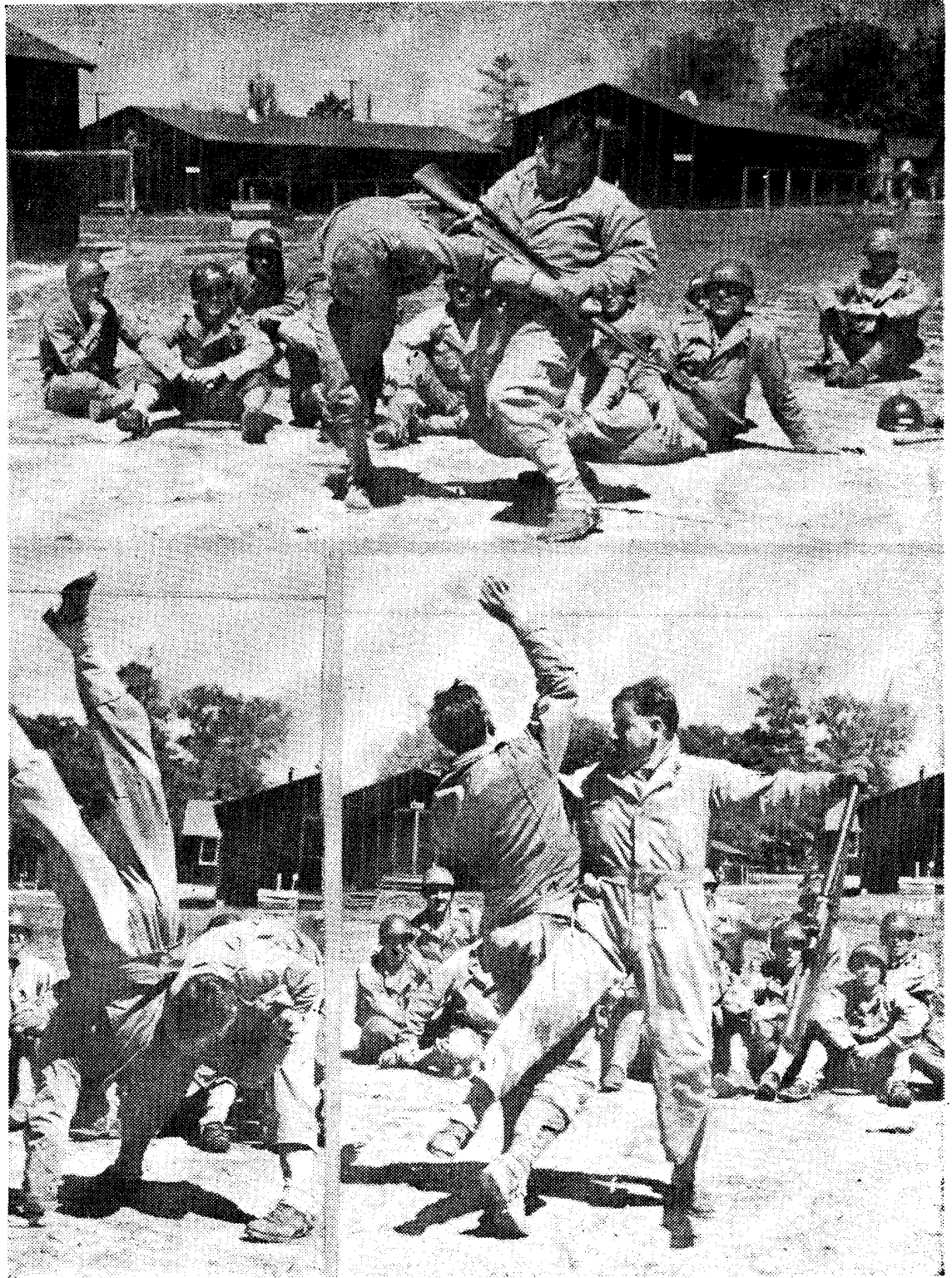
In September, 1942, Major Schaff joined the 98th Div. at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Prior to assumption of his duties as regimental S-3, he was Commander of the 3d Bn., 254th Inf.

### 164 QUALIFY WITH RIFLE

Every one of the 164 RTG men who fired the M1 rifle for record qualified with the weapon, it was announced this week. Of the total, 25 made expert, 115 sharpshooter and 135 marksman. In the carbine firing for record, 92 per cent qualified, 10 made expert, 54 sharpshooter and 86 marksman.

The Purple Heart was established by George Washington in 1782 and bears his likeness.

It takes 97 men to keep one carrier-based plane in operation against the enemy.



EASY when you know how it's done. S/Sgt. Gordon L. Marshall, Cn. Co., 255th Inf., who learned the art of jujitsu not from the Japanese but from the Chinese, who taught it to the Japs. Top photo shows the Sergeant disarming a man who has lunged at him with the bayonet. A Japanese Mare is shown in the lefthand photo; how to disarm a man with a rifle is demonstrated at the right.

# Service Co. of 253d Entertains at Party

With Regimental Commander, Col. Edward P. Lukert, as their guest of honor, men of Service Co., 253d Inf., gave an elaborate party in the company day room last Monday night.

The gay atmosphere was enhanced by the presence of WAC Det., guests, and wives and sweethearts of the men.

The "Red Cat Combo," featuring several members of the 253d Inf. Orchestra, played numerous swing tunes.

Soft lights, and artistic signs, painted by Cpl. Howard Connolly, added to the festive atmosphere while S/Sgt. William Bell, mess sergeant, tickled gourmet palates with a spread of cold cuts, fruit and chicken salads.

Promoters were 1st Sgt. Edward Rykowski and T/5 Fred Wiener.

The War Department has prepared a pocket guide to Panama for troops stationed on canal defenses.

# Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 AND 2 Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810 (Saturday, April 29, Through Friday, May 5)

SATURDAY—"Girl in the Case," with Edmund Lowe, Janis Carter and Hugh Herbert.

SUN.-MON.—"Pin-Up Girl," with Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye.

TUESDAY—"Days of Glory," with Gregory Peck and Tomanova.

WED.-THURS.—"Up in Mabel's Room," with Dennis O'Keefe, Marjorie Reynolds, Gail Patrick and Mischa Auer.

FRI.-SAT.—"Between Two Worlds," with John Garfield, Paul Henreid, Dennis King and Eleanor Parker.

THEATER NO. 5 Starting Time—1845

SUNDAY—"Moon Over Las Vegas," with Anne Gwynne, David Bruce and Alan Dinehart.

MONDAY—"Girl in the Case," with Edmund Lowe, Janis Carter and Hugh Herbert.

TUES.-WED.—"Pin-Up Girl," with Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye.

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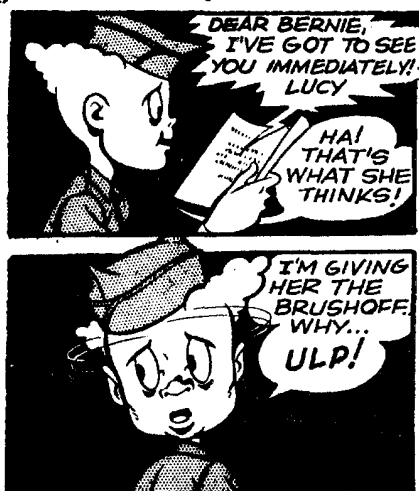
# Defective Optic Spoils Overseas Chances

FT. BENNING, Ga.—Although he has been discharged from both the Army and Navy, Cpl. William Chapman has hopes of going overseas. Cpl. Chapman had been in the Army five years in 1941 and was just about ready to shove off for overseas duty when medical officers decided that his one crossed eye disqualified him and he was honorably discharged.

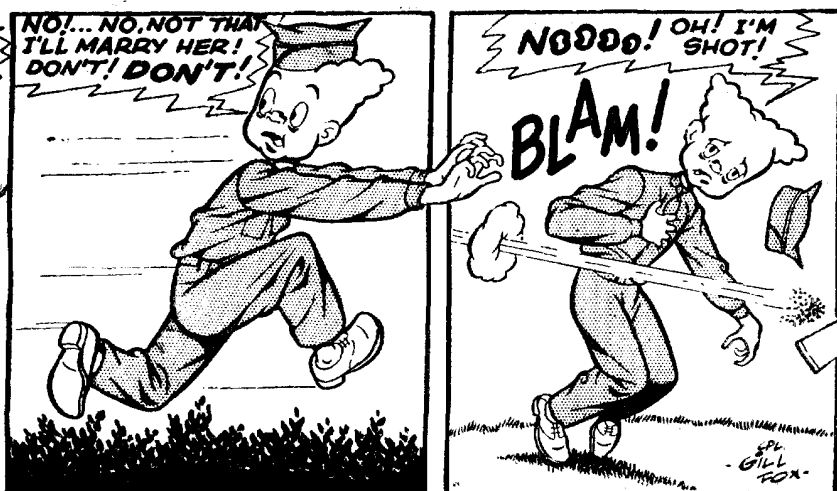
Not to be put off so easily, Chapman enlisted in the Navy and lasted only two days. Navy doctors took a look at the optic and once again he was a civilian. A few months later his draft board changed its rules and its mind, and now Chapman's back in the Army. As to overseas—he still has hopes.

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—The "Wrecking Crew" is the nickname given a special section of a soldier dance band at this post because of its ability to tear off the swing numbers.

# BERNIE BLOOD



# Double Barreled Imagination



# By GILL FOX



# Pelicans Rout 63d Stars, 12-0, Before 15,000

## Close Play Marks Games in Division Softball Leagues

Division softball teams came through with some close battles this week as the respective leagues moved nearer the scheduled termination of the round-robin qualification for the championship play-offs.

Particularly outstanding was a pair of games in CTs Red and Blue. In the former circuit, Co. M produced two runs its last time at bat to nose out a determined Co. L combination, 5-4. Co. H, of the 255th Inf., broke a 4-4 tie that sent its game with Co. E into nine innings with a brace of tallies to wind up on the long side of a 6-4 count in that Blue loop contest.

In CT White, luster bat-swinging was the predominating feature of the week's games. Cannon Co., of the 254th Inf., lapped the Med. Det., 12-6, amassing 21 hits in the process. Yet, the prodigious prodig of the winners in that game was surpassed by Co. A as it smashed out a 15-10 decision over Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

Led by Pfc. Ted Schmidt and Pvt. Nat Silverstein, each of whom hit safely four times, Co. A collected a total of 27 safeties. The losers didn't do so badly for themselves at the plate, either, they collected 19 hits. This game was decided in the first two innings when the eventual victors sent a dozen runners across the plate.

All in all, honors for the most thrilling game doubtlessly went to Cos. H and E for their nine-inning tussle. Co. H had this one virtually in the bag in the seventh with Co. E trailing 4-0 and two out.

The latter ten, however, suddenly came to life and before the third man was thrown out the score was deadlocked at 4-4. The eighth inning was unproductive of any scoring but in the ninth, successive hits by Pvt. Freeman, Sgt. Kirschdorfer and Capt. Smith produced the two tallies that decided the game.

Activity in the Green League was at a minimum with H. Co., 263d Engrs., registering twice in the win column with respective 12-0 and 7-0 decisions over Cos. B and A.

In CT White, Co. I withstood a rally by the opposition to whip Co. H, 9-6, while two other CT Blue tilts found Co. I topping Co. M, 13-3, and Cos. B and C engaged in and old-fashioned Donnybrook that found the Bees ahead at the finish, 20 to 13.

## 254th Golfers Compete May 7

The 254th Inf. will hold a golf tournament at the Fernwood Country Club, Fernwood, Miss., next Sunday, May 7. It was erroneously stated in last week's issue that the tournament would be held Sunday, April 23.

All golfers in the regiment are invited by Regimental Special Services to compete in the tournament. Prizes will be distributed for the best shots, kicker prize, low gross, and longest putt.

Cpt. Warren Orlick, former golf professional, will stage an exhibition of trick shooting prior to the opening of the tournament. Arrangements for the tournament are in the hands of Lt. Lawson M. Katelye, regimental special services officer.

## Willie Hoppe Coming

Willie Hoppe, veteran of the green-topped tables who was wielding a cue back during World War I, will make two appearances before Division personnel Wednesday night. The former 18.2 balkline champion, will exhibit his skill at the CT Blue Rec Hall at 1909, and then will move to the CT Red Rec Hall on 13th Ave., for another workout at 2015.



## Blues Trip Whites In One-Hit Game

Pvt. Bill Haag and T/4 Dennis Dillon collaborated in a one-hit pitching performance that enabled CT Blue to take a 7-3 decision over CT White in a practice baseball tilt last Saturday.

Haag started for the Blue, holding the opposition hitless and runless during his three-inning tenure on the mound. In addition, he struck out five men.

When Dillon went to the hill in the fourth, CT Blue already had scored all its runs, capping its assault on pitchers Bill Shaw and Earl Petersen with a five-run uprising in the third.

Thanks to Sgt. Al Mottola, the White averted a shutout in the last inning when the first baseman laced the ball into left field for a three-run homer with two out and two on base.

The box score: CT White AB R H CT Blue AB R H. Prazier, ss 1 0 0; Wenck, 3b 2 0 0; G'Brien, 2b 3 0 0; Freeman, cf 2 1 1; Mottola, 1b 4 1 1; Scipigno, rf 4 2 2; Petersen, c 3 0 0; Quinn, c 2 1 1; T. Smith, 2b 2 0 0; Koenig, ss 2 1 1; E. Smith, cf 2 0 0; J. Smith, rf 2 1 1; Herrick, rf 2 0 0; Dandona, 1b 2 1 1; Nolen, lf 2 0 0; Levy, 2b 2 0 2; Shaw, p 0 0 0; Haag, p 1 0 0; James, lf 1 1 0; Dillon, p 1 0 0; Simmons, 3b 1 0 0; Deboise, rf 2 0 1; K'hoefler, c 2 0 1; Badger, ss 1 0 0; Stansky, rf 1 0 0; Lynch, 1b 1 0 0; L'sevich, 2b 1 0 0. Totals 21 3 1. Totals 29 7 10.

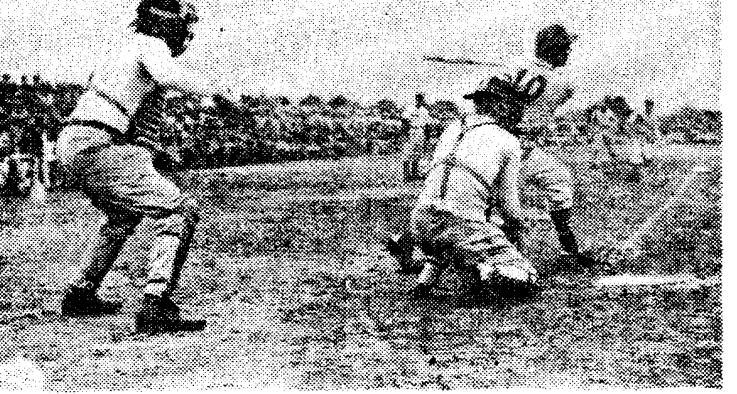
The late "Hoppy Jack" Chesbro, pitching for the New York Highlanders in 1904, set two modern major league records by hurling 48 complete games and winning 41. He made 51 starts and was removed only three times.

## Collect 17 Hits From Three Pitchers As Soldiers Display Need for Practice

## Runs Scored in Opening Innings Help Birds Clinch Victory Early in Contest; Losers Threaten in Third But Double Play Kills Uprising

Witnessed by a jam-packed crowd of soldiers estimated at close to 15,000 the 63d Div. All Stars, a creation of the hour almost, stepped out upon a hastily made diamond at the Parade Grounds and lost, 12-0, to the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association Tuesday afternoon.

The fans, who ranged three and four deep around the entire field at the start of the game, saw good baseball on both sides for perhaps two innings, and then the more practiced Pelicans got to Cpl. Kenneth Clouse, the Blood and Fire's starting hurler and hits and errors gave the Birds nine runs in three innings. Neil Howard, lanky left hander for the visitors, gave only two hits in three innings and was relieved by Lenny Pecou of New Orleans. Pecou twirled five scoreless innings and yielded in turn to Jesse Dana, the Pelicans' ace.



ACTION in the baseball game between the New Orleans Pelicans and the 63d Division All Stars on Tuesday. Top photo shows S/Sgt. Jack Svelling of the 253d Inf. safe at first on a fielder's choice in the first inning. Bob Mosel, (No. 17), veteran first baseman for the Pelicans is at the right while Capt. Richard G. Cox, umpire on first base, is at the left. A strike is registered in the lower photo as Maj. Frank B. Farr of the RTG, umpire in chief, brings down his right arm. The Pelicans are at bat. A portion of the huge crowd that attended the game may be seen in the background of both photos.

## 3d Bn. Medics Win 2 in Softball

Scoring eight runs in the sixth inning, the 3d Bn., softball team of the 254th Medical Detachment came from behind to defeat the 2d Bn. 12-10, in the second game of a double header played last week. The 3d Bn. Section won the opener, 6-11. In other intra-detachment contests, Hq. Section defeated 1st Bn. Section, 9-6, and 2d Bn. Section downed 1st Bn. Section, 8-5.

S/Sgt. John Kule hurled for the 3d Bn. Section in the first game with the 2d Bn., and besides doing a good job on the mound, belted a home run in the seventh inning to score two runs.

T/Sgt. Braund, hurling for Hq. Section pitched a good game for his team and let the 1st Bn. team down with a few scattered hits.

## Two Homers Help 863d Officers Win

Two home runs from the bat of Capt. James E. Murphy, one in the first and the other in the fourth helped the 863d F. A. Officers Softball Team to turn back the strong ten of Btry. B. 13-3, in the first of two games played by the 863d outfit over the past week-end. In the second contest, the officers lost 10-1 to the strong cadre team from the 863d.

Capt. Murphy's first homer came in the initial inning of the first game with the bases loaded. Eight runs in all crossed the plate in that frame. The Captain came through again in the fourth with two aboard.

The second game won by the enlisted men was a different story. The officers were effectively baffled by the offerings of S/Sgt. Vince Cocita and Pvt. Bernard Lauth. The Cadremen scored in every inning except the second and fourth. The big blow came in the fourth when T/5 Joe Dolock hit a long home run with two on base.

The lineups: Pelicans (12)—AB R H B PO A E. Rue, ss 3 1 1 0 0 1 1; Milazzo, ss 3 0 2 1 2 0 0; Henderson, 2b 3 0 1 1 0 1 1; Howie, 3b 2 0 0 0 0 0 0; Douglas, lf 1 0 0 0 0 0 0; Toomey, lf 3 0 0 0 1 0 0; Shepherd, cf 5 3 3 0 1 0 0; Scott, rf 4 2 1 0 1 0 0; Shuba, 2b 2 1 2 2 2 1 0; Wajek, 2b 2 0 0 0 0 0 0; Mosel, 1b 4 2 2 0 7 2 0; Ulsney, cf 4 1 3 4 3 0 0; George, c 1 0 0 0 5 1 0; Howard, p 1 0 1 0 1 0 0; Pecou, p 2 0 0 0 0 2 0; Dana, p 1 0 0 0 0 0 0; Bartler, p 1 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 44 12 17 12 27 11 2.

## DIVISION SOFTBALL LINEUPS

Lineups for Co. F, Co. G, Co. H, Co. I, Co. J, Co. K, Co. L, Co. M, Co. N, Co. O, Co. P, Co. Q, Co. R, Co. S, Co. T, Co. U, Co. V, Co. W, Co. X, Co. Y, Co. Z, Co. AA, Co. AB, Co. AC, Co. AD, Co. AE, Co. AF, Co. AG, Co. AH, Co. AI, Co. AJ, Co. AK, Co. AL, Co. AM, Co. AN, Co. AO, Co. AP, Co. AQ, Co. AR, Co. AS, Co. AT, Co. AU, Co. AV, Co. AW, Co. AX, Co. AY, Co. AZ, Co. BA, Co. BB, Co. BC, Co. BD, Co. BE, Co. BF, Co. BG, Co. BH, Co. BI, Co. BJ, Co. BK, Co. BL, Co. BM, Co. BN, Co. BO, Co. BP, Co. BQ, Co. BR, Co. BS, Co. BT, Co. BU, Co. BV, Co. BW, Co. BX, Co. BY, Co. BZ, Co. CA, Co. CB, Co. CC, Co. CD, Co. CE, Co. CF, Co. CG, Co. CH, Co. CI, Co. CJ, Co. CK, Co. CL, Co. CM, Co. CN, Co. CO, Co. CP, Co. CQ, Co. CR, Co. CS, Co. CT, Co. CU, Co. CV, Co. CW, Co. CX, Co. CY, Co. CZ, Co. DA, Co. DB, Co. DC, Co. DD, Co. DE, Co. DF, Co. DG, Co. DH, Co. DI, Co. DJ, Co. DK, Co. DL, Co. DM, Co. DN, Co. DO, Co. DP, Co. DQ, Co. DR, Co. DS, Co. DT, Co. DU, Co. DV, Co. DW, Co. DX, Co. DY, Co. DZ, Co. 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## Jim Jeffries Honored

Burbank, Calif.—Jim Jeffries, heavyweight champion of the world from 1899 until his retirement in 1906, was feted on his 69th birthday here.

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

**253d Inf.**—Three stripes are nothing new to T/4 Jay G. Koons of the dispensary staff, who wore them as a member of the Pennsylvania State Mounted Police. . . Although Cpl. Joseph A. Martin, Hq. & Hq. Co., has many decorations, received when he served with the French Foreign Legion, his proudest possession is a written commendation by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant divisional commander, who, after watching Cpl. Martin in action with the I&R platoon, wrote to Regimental Commander Edward P. Lukert: "There was no doubt in Martin's mind or in the minds of the men, as to who was in charge." . . . Pvt. O. F. Sarao, Hq. and Hq. Co., who operates his own barber shop in Boston Mass., is doing a rushing business in the company day room. . . Pfc. George Ekloff and Pvt. Edward Giddings, Co. H, look like real combat soldiers since they shaved their noggins. . . 1st/Sgt. Floyd Hamilton, Hq. and Hq. Co., has challenged all volleyball teams in the division for his team, which, led by S/Sgt. Ceasar Guicimetti, trounced the Hq. Medics twice this week, 15-0 and 15-4. . . Lt. Thomas M. Alexander, fresh from Louisiana maneuvers, was named recreation and athletic officer, replacing Lt. Patrick McVerry, who is hospitalized. . . New regimental orientation officer is Lt. Edward Ertl.

**254th Inf.**—Capt. Paul K. Bailey, regimental adjutant, became a father this week. A boy was born to Mrs. Bailey in Housatonic, Mass. . . Twenty men of Serv. Co. won stripes during April. T/5 Louis Blissett and William Chait are sporting T/4 stripes. Pfc. Holly Arthur and Denver King were promoted to corporal. Pvt. L. DeSchaaf became a Pfc., and 15 2/5 ratings went to the following: Charles Bastian, Norman Belink, Friel Harris, Francis Henry, Burr Manning, Bernard Phillips, Dennis Riley, James Rogers, Laurel Stanford, Woodow Ely, Neal Demskie, Luther Swanson, James Hickfan, Leslie Hanson and Frank Layman. . . 1st/Sgt. Peter P. Bundle has become topkick of Co. G, succeeding 1st/Sgt. Clifford J. McGovern, now first sergeant of Hq. Co. 2d Bn. . . Promotions in Co. G include the following: Sgts. James Kely and Obadiah Wilson to staff sergeant; Cpls. A. Mastrobattista, Joseph O'Brien and A. Dickerson to sergeant; Pfc. Thaddeus McGuire to corporal, and Pfc. Franklin Knepp to T/5. . . The Med. Det. is planning a party tonight. . . Cpl. Earl Parker and Pvts. Nathan Rosen and Francesco Barcellona, Med. Det., are in the hospital. . . A group of men of Co. K visited Sgt. Glenn Limer in the Station Hospital and report that he is convalescing satisfactorily after an operation. . . Pfc. Joseph Durkin has written a new song, entitled "The Turkey in the Hutment."

**863d F. A.**—S/Sgt. Thomas W. Andrews became first sergeant of Btry. A when S/Sgt. Gene J. Andre became topkick of Serv. Btry.

**718th F. A.**—1st/Sgt. Edward Stolpa is acting sergeant-major of the battalion, and S/Sgt. Charles M. Shockley is acting first sergeant of Btry. A. . . T/4 Robert Kittine is new acting first sergeant of Btry. A. . . S/Sgt. James B. Blakely, Btry. B, and Miss Ruby Lee Johnson, of Baton Rouge, were married April 22 in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. Sgt. Paul D. Burden, also of Btry. B, was best man. The couple spent a short honeymoon in New Orleans. . . Pvt. William Warner returned from the hospital to spend a day with his buddies in Serv. Btry. Warner was stricken with a nerve paralysis a month ago and, after a serious illness, recovered sufficiently to be sent to another hospital in Memphis, Tenn., for convalescence.

**Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.**—Lt. Loamie S. Bresler, aide-de-camp to the Division Commander, was promoted to first lieutenant this week. . . Two T/5s in the Chief of Staff's Office, William F. Pollard and Michael J. D'Orazio, were raised to T/4, and Pvt. Homer F. Richards, Finance Sec., was appointed Pfc. . . Three new promotions in Div. Hq. Co. were those of Cpl. Richard Lister to sergeant, T/5 Clarence Brown to T/4 and Pfc. Harry Wilkins to T/5.

**63d Q. M. Co.**—T/Sgt. Ronald G. Gregory of the Div. QM Office, has been promoted to master sergeant. . . For the first time since its activation in March, 1943, the QM Co. has had a group photograph taken. . . Lt. John Rodman, only remaining original officer of the company, has been promoted to first lieutenant, and two officers in the Div. QM Office also have been promoted. They are Capt. Ferdinand D. Schaeffer, advanced to major, and Lt. Raymond G. Larivee, advanced to captain.

## 5 Warrant Officers Advanced to Chiefs

Five of the 63d Div.'s warrant officers junior grade were promoted to chief warrant officer this week.

They are Theodore W. Oliver, AG Sec.; Harold T. Hutcheson, 563d Sig. Co.; Carl M. Langdon, JA Sec.; Walter J. Durkin, 254th Inf., and Stanley D. Crouch, 255th Inf.

At the same time three men of the 763d Ord. Co. were appointed warrant officers. They were Sgt. Louis J. Miller, T/3 Joseph E. Smith and M/Sgt. James A. Murchie.

## Colonel Survives War I, First Pay Still in Bank

An old-fashioned king-sized five-dollar bill and two silver dollars have been in the safe deposit vault of Lt. Col. Judson Savage in Binger, Okla., for nearly 27 years. They represent his first two weeks pay in the Army back in 1917.

The Colonel took the money home and put it in the bank in case, as

he says, "I was bumped off." One dollar was to go to each of his seven sisters. It seems he was too pessimistic, however, and he survived. The charges for the safe deposit box have since amounted to far more than the seven dollars he has been saving these 27 years.

## Anti-Aircraft Defense Taught Men of 718th

Men of the 718th F. A. Bn., who went to 50 Cal. MG school at Magnolia Beach, Camp Hulen, Tex., have returned to the 63d Div. with an extensive knowledge of machine gun anti-aircraft defense, learned while firing at radio controlled planes and sleeve targets moving at 250 miles per hour, according to Sgt. Clair Hammer who was a member of the group which was commanded by Col. John Meesik, Div. Arty. executive officer.

## USO Show Tonight

Another USO camp show, replete with guys and gals who are top-flight entertainers, will entertain 63d Div. soldiers in CT White Rec Hall tonight at 1700. There is no admission charge.



U. S. TROOPS go down the gangplanks from open bow doors of landing craft nosed against the beach in Tanahmerah bay, Dutch New Guinea, during the invasion of April 22. These forces advanced toward the Hollandia airport to join other troops which landed at Humbolt bay

## Ticks, Chiggers Dangerous, Division Surgeon Warns

Because ticks and chiggers have increased markedly in number in all training areas of Camp Van Dorn, a memorandum on their removal and prevention of their bites was issued this week by Maj. Guy G. Shaw, Jr., Division Surgeon.

Ticks are known to transmit numerous diseases, including the serious Rocky Mountain spotted fever, although in this section of the country soldiers need be concerned only with tularemia (rabbit fever) and skin infections caused by improper removal of ticks from the body.

"One does not feel when a tick is biting," the memorandum says. "A person always is surprised when he finds a tick attached to his body. When force is used either the surrounding skin is unnecessarily torn or, as is most probable, the body of the tick comes away, leaving mouth parts buried in the skin. This sets up a severe irritation and may lead to infection."

### Removal Methods

Three methods for removal of ticks were recommended:

1. Dip a small camel's hair brush in turpentine, benzine, gasoline or kerosene and apply the liquid between the skin and the undersurface of the tick. After a few minutes the tick will die and let go its hold and may be swept from the skin with the brush.

2. Cover with oil or vaseline. This closes the tick's breathing pores, situated behind the fourth pair of legs, and the insect releases its hold.

3. Apply a lighted cigaret (the "hot foot" method) in the immediate vicinity of the tick.

If the mouth parts are left in the skin, the soldier should report to a dispensary for their removal.

### Daily Inspection

Individuals in tick-infested areas should be inspected daily with their clothes removed, the surgeon said. Squad leaders may do the inspecting or the men may pair off and inspect each other.

Prevention of tick bites is accomplished by keeping out of known infested areas or by using

GI insect repellent (Skat), the same liquid used to repel mosquitoes. This may be used along the openings of clothes or sprayed on clothing according to directions on the bottle, and is efficient until the clothes are laundered.

Chiggers in the United States are not known to carry any disease, but produce extreme annoyance, the memorandum said. Intense itching caused by their bites often interferes with sleep and the poison injected may cause fever and loss of appetite. Infection often is introduced as a result of scratching the bites.

Closely woven garments with leggings will exclude many chiggers. The same insect repellent used against mosquitoes and ticks, applied in the same way, can be used effectively.

Chiggers may be removed by taking a warm bath as soon as possible and changing all clothing. The body should be lathered thoroughly with soap containing sulphur or cresol and the latter allowed to remain on the body for 5 to 10 minutes before washing it off. Other soaps are reasonably effective if medicated soaps are unobtainable.

There is little which will allay the itching of chigger bites, the memorandum says. Application of cooling lotions such as mentholated ointments or carbollated petrolatum, or liquid colloidion (Nu-Skin) will give relief.

## CT Blue Provides Music At Outdoor Beer Garden

The men of CT Blue will raise their steins to the accompaniment of music one night each week, beginning this week, when the athletic and recreation office of the 255th Inf. inaugurates a policy of open-air entertainment at the beer garden annex of PX 23.

Comprising the group who will give out with the "jam and schmaltz" are: Pfc. Marlin Merrill, who will direct the band, Sgt. G. Sbordone, Pfc. Jack D'Allesandro, Pvt. Joe Kirkland and Pvt. John Camell.

## 100 Girls Attend Dance at CT Red

More than 100 Baton Rouge lovelies attended Co. L, 253d Inf., dance at CT Red Rec. Hall Tuesday night in one of the most successful unit parties of the season.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a pen and holder set and a cigarette lighter to Capt. Herschel Burton, commanding officer.

T/5 Fredd Wiener, of CT Red Special Service Office, was host and MC, and worked several routines and gags together with S/Sgt. Harry Marks, Co. K, former vaudeville entertainer.

The 253d Inf. Orchestra, which furnished the melodies, introduced a sensational new pianist, Pvt. Eddie Lozak, Co. G, who specializes in the boogie-woogie tempo.

The hall was tastefully decorated and a lavish buffet supper, the feature of which was a six tiered cake, baked by T/5 Ed Hershkowitz. Decorations and arrangements were the work of S/Sgt. Ray Neri, T/Sgt. Leo Gottlieb and S/Sgt. Bob Shiflet.

## 254th Inf. Gets 3 New Officers

Three new lieutenants have been assigned to the 254th Inf. They are 2d Lieutenants Henry Kuczynski, and Loring Lane, and 1st Lieutenant John P. Brown.

Lt. Kuczynski is the first medical administration officer to be attached to the 254th. He started his army career with the 18th Inf. at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y., and subsequently became staff sergeant while with the 218th General Hospital in Panama. He was commissioned recently and assigned to the 63d Div.

Lt. Lane is a graduate of Lehigh University. He joined the Army in 1941 and was attached to the 714th MP Bn. at Ft. Ontario, N. Y. He later served at Elizabeth, N. J. and in New York city while his unit guarded vital government installations. He was attached to the 331st Inf. at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before being assigned to the 63d.

## Male Call

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

## Not Afraid Of The Dark



# Student Actors Tell Story of Forest Outlaw

## Artillerymen Hear Song Recordings Of United Nations

Blood and Fire artillery battalions were both entertained and instructed by a United Nations Songfest, staged as part of their orientation program, at Theater No. 1 this morning.

A program of recorded music, featuring songs of democracy by choruses of many Allied nations, was highlighted by the running commentary of Pfc. Joseph Dolin, Spec. Serv., CT White, who explained the significance of the songs and re-enacted the circumstances of their birth.

The Division Artillery Chorus, originally scheduled to sing, was unavailable and was replaced by recordings of the Red Army Chorus, Paul Robeson, famed negro baritone singing Chinese songs in conjunction with a Chinese chorus, A Yugoslavian Guerrilla Chorus and six songs of democracy written by anti-fascists and recorded during the bombing of Madrid.

The Chinese worker's song, "Chee Lai," by Robeson, and "Tachanka," song of a Russian machine gun, by the Red Army Chorus, were especially well received.

Biggest hit of all, however, came when the audience sang a song for each war in which this country has participated: "Yankee Doodle," for the Revolutionary war; "Dixie" and "Tenting Tonight," for the Civil War; "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" for the Spanish-American War; "Over There," World War I, and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," for the present conflict.

## Sergeant, Partner Win Contest Without Trying

When Sgt. Paul D. Burden, B Btry., 718th F.A., and Miss Betty Quarrel, Nashville, Tenn., sought a bit of entertainment during the sergeant's recent furlough, their only thought was to dance the evening away.

Fate, however, had other plans and Sgt. Burden and his partner, unaware that they were competing, were finally chosen as king and queen at a jitterbug contest sponsored by the Red Cross.

Miss Quarrel was presented with a three-foot high silver loving cup, but the sergeant's reward, according to him, is a military secret.

## Co-eds Will Shift Scenes For 'Robin Hood' Saturday

(Continued From Page 1) Music, New York. He stepped into the role when draft demands paralyzed the manpower situation at LSU.

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 the units on a pro rata basis.

An estimated 20,000 persons will have seen this year's LSU opera after the appearance here, Ralph Errole, head of the university's opera department, estimates.

The principals will alternate in day and night performances, Marguerite McClelland, feminine lead of the 1943 presentation of "Naughty Marietta," will sing the role of Maid Marion, alternating with Miss Lavigne. Others in the cast are Johanna Poehlmann and Caroline Turquette, alternating as Allan-dale; Geraldine Sloan and Rose Lee Grace alternating as Dame Durden; William Read, Baton Rouge, a hit in last year's operetta, and Edward Weiss alternating as Friar Tuck; Clayton Sanders and Jack Thompson alternating as Will Scarlett; Weslyn Stephens, who

scored in the 63d Div. production, "Emergency Furlough," as Anna-bel, Roy Odom as Sheriff of Nottingham, Arthur Schutzman as Sir Guy of Gisborne and William Hathorn as Little John.

The orchestra for the production is directed by Louis Hasselmann, head of the French Wing of 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 departments, is in charge of sets. Members of the stagecraft class, including the girls mentioned, aided Dr. Archibald in constructing the sets.

The opera began its Army tour last Monday night at Camp Claiborne, La., and included presentations for the remainder of the week at Selman Field, Monroe, La., Barksdale, Field, Shreveport, La., and Camp Polk, Leesville, La.



COLORFUL costumes and brilliant sets makes "Robin Hood," the Roger De Koven production, a brilliant one. Depicted on this page are some of the principal actors in the tuneful Louisiana State university operetta which will be presented at Theater No. 1 next Saturday, May 6, at 1400 and 1900. Baritone William Hathorn of Baton Rouge (top photo) is cast in the swashbuckling role of Little John, one of the outlaws of Sherwood Forest. At right center, eye-catching Audrey Lavigne, young New Orleans soprano, will sing the lead feminine role of Maid Marian at the afternoon performance. Playing opposite Miss Lavigne will be Sgt. John Campbell of the 63d Div. Band, (left center) who will play the part of Robin Hood. The role of jovial Friar Tuck (bottom photo) will be interpreted by William Read of Baton Rouge in both performances at the Camp.



## The Inquiring Line

Q. Is it permissible for me to take out a Class "E" allotment for the benefit of my girl friend, or must the beneficiary be a relative?  
A. Class "E" allotments may be taken out for the payment of money to any individual. The fact that they are not members of your family does not matter.  
Q. Before the war I served three years in the Regular Army Reserve. Does this entitle me to longevity pay?  
A. Credit for service in the Regular Army Reserve must be of an active nature. If you went to camp during the time you were in the RAR, you are entitled to longevity pay, but if you did nothing more than become a member, that is inactive service and cannot be credited toward longevity pay.  
Q. I'm a paratrooper and recently, during training, I was injured in a jump. Now I want to know if I'm entitled to paratroop

pay for the time I spent in the hospital.  
A. You are. AR 35-1495 states specifically that men hurt on parachute duty are entitled to receive paratrooper pay for three months while in a hospital.  
Q. Is it ever permissible for enlisted men in the Navy to wear Army uniforms?  
A. Yes. Navy men may wear Army uniforms when serving with Army detachments. They are also permitted to wear Marine uniforms when serving with the Marine Corps.  
Q. Is there anyone outside the Army who is permitted to wear Army officers' uniforms?  
A. Yes. Officers of Allied nations on duty in the U. S. are authorized to purchase and wear U. S. Army officers' uniforms. No U. S. Army insignia nor identification will be worn with the uniforms, of course, as the co-belligerent officers will wear their own insignia.

Press correspondents also are permitted to wear officers' uniforms without insignia.

Q. What are the age requirements for Spars?

A. Enlisted personnel must be between the ages of 20 and 35, and must have had at least two years of high school or business school.

## 718th F. A. Bn. Get Colors At Retreat Parade Here

Officers and men of the 718th F. A. Bn. received their battalion colors at a formal retreat parade held on the Division parade grounds west of Theater No. 1.

Presentation of the colors was made by Lt. Col. F. T. Unger, commanding officer of the battalion. He gave the battalion colors to T/Sgt. R. K. Bloomer, battalion color bearer. The colors were carried by T/Sgt. John W. McNamee, and Guards of Honor were S/Sgt. Joseph M. Pillar and S/Sgt. Joseph J. Bavasso.

Following the presentation, Col. Unger complimented his men on their recent showing in AGF firing tests. He also predicted for the men of the battalion a successful war career.