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Battle Exercises Serve to Illustrate Platoon in Attack

Units of the 63d Div. watched and studied the technique of a rifle platoon in attack this week during a series of battle exercises made unique by the presence of members of the families of officers and enlisted men on the sidelines.

Platoons of the 255th Inf. daily staged an assault on a series of ridges theoretically occupied by enemy troops. The attackers utilized all the organic weapons of the infantry regiment, including its 105mm. cannon, and received the supplementary support of medium artillery in execution of their mission.

Among those in attendance throughout the week were Maj. Gen. Frank J. Milburn, XXI Corps commander, and the wives of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. commander, and members of his staff.

Fire and Movement

The attackers utilized the basic principles of fire and maneuver. They illustrated the method of pinning down the enemy, until assault parties were close enough for use of grenades and bayonet, through the medium of well-controlled small arms fire. They made as a feature of each day's exercise an illustration of the consequences of non-utilization of cover and terrain features by the use of simulated casualties.

In fact, the exercise appeared to be designed as much to impress non-participating members of the Division with the value of using topographical features for cover, as to portray the basic principles of attack.

The exercise began with contact of the "enemy" west of Road Nine.

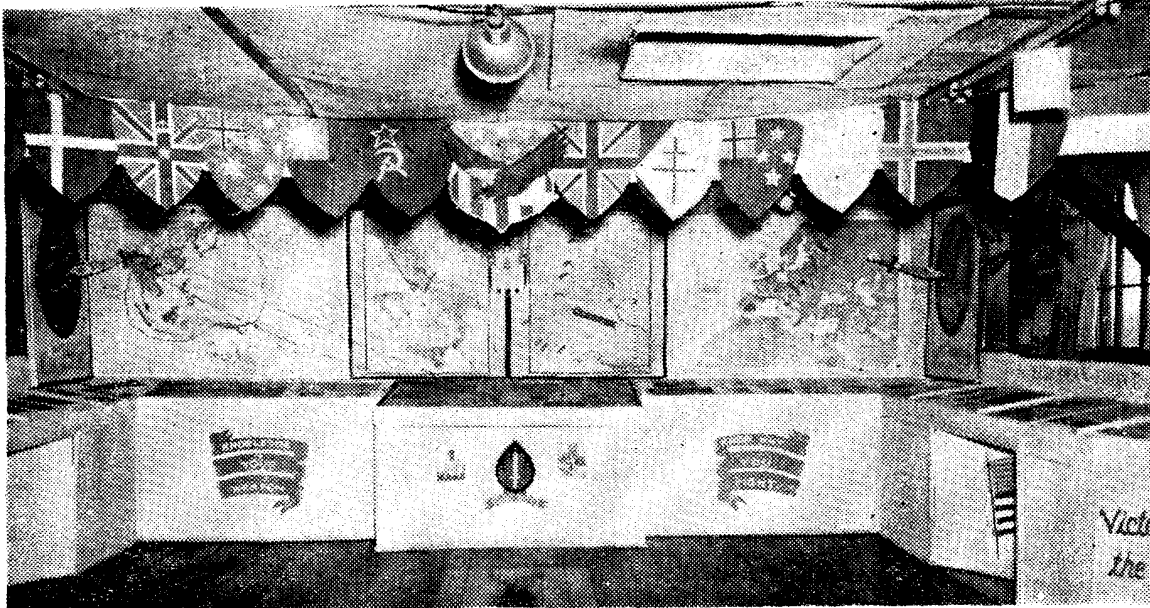
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Natchez Is Scene Of Dance Tonight

Answering a distress call from Miss Jennie McLin, program superintendent at the Natchez Servicemen's Center, for a dance orchestra for tonight's formal at the Municipal Auditorium. Special Service office of the 254th Inf., whipped together a musical combination of eight pieces which will play for the hop starting at 2030.

The ranks of the 254th orchestra have been reduced considerably, but a nucleus of the old combination is still on hand and with the aid of some new men from the RTC, the band will muster eight pieces for tonight's affair.

Natchez will offer the use of its municipal golf links at Duncan Park free of charge to servicemen today and tomorrow, and will stage a tour of historic homes at 1430. A broadcast over WMIS will be held from the Center at 1605 and refreshments will be served from 1700 to 1800.



TOP HONORS in the Division orientation competition for the month of April went to Co. B of the 253d Inf. The display shown above enabled the 253d to climb from the bottom, where it reposed two months ago, to the top. Pfc. Joseph L. Grucci arranged the winning exhibition.

Five Set Record Firing Sub MG

Five members of the 63d Ren. Trp., claimed new records for firing the sub machine gun, cal. .45 Thursday when two of them S/Sgt. Alexander Sims and T/5 Ralph G. Sommers posted 98s, while 1st Sgt. Carl J. Young, S/Sgt. Charles Cui and T/5 John Albrecht each scored 96.

All of these scores eclipsed the mark of 94 registered last winter by Sgt. William E. Hotaling, and T/5 William E. Adams, both of the Ren. Trp., and T/5 Richard E. Thompson of the 263d Engr. Bn.

Sgt. Hotaling was among nine men in the Troop who shot above 90. Two of these men S/Sgt. Joseph F. Champa and 1st Sgt. Leon Stahl, have combat experience. Sgt. Champa participated in the attack on Kiska in the Aleutians and Sgt. Stahl fought in the Spanish civil war.

Japanese Navy Chief Is Reported Killed

The Tokyo Radio reported yesterday that the commander in chief of the Japanese Navy, Admiral Mineichi Koga, was killed last March "while directing general operations from an airplane at the front."

Admiral Koga was one of the key commanders in the seizure of the Philippines. He succeeded the late Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the man who boasted he would dictate the peace terms in Washington. By virtue of Koga's death 58-year-old Admiral Soemu Toyoda will probably take over the command of the combined Japanese fleet.

Name the Plane

Want to test your ability at aircraft recognition?

In this issue of BLOOD AND FIRE appears a "Plane of the Week" puzzle. The feature will appear weekly in the same position in this paper, in conjunction with the appearance on Division bulletin boards of a "Plane of the Week" poster. Men of the 63d who study the posters carefully and learn their aircraft will find the weekly puzzle entertaining as well as instructive.

Both poster and puzzle are prepared in the G-2 Sec. and are the work of T/5 Dick Hook, in civilian life a noted illustrator and commercial artist.

Engineers Improve Division Air Field

The 63d Div. Air Field, located south of the 255th Inf. area, is having its face lifted in an operation that is expected to facilitate its use by larger aircraft.

The "surgeons," Co. C, 263d Combat Engineer Bn., will remove 8,000 cubic yards of dirt in the renovation which will extend the present landing strip by 400 feet and offer a new taxi-way 2,000 feet long. A new control tower of modern design is also being built.

Capt. George Shephard, assisted by Lt. William Laz, who did the preliminary surveying, is directing the overhauling job.

The combat engineers are also building a new road across the northern sector of the artillery impact area, Capt. J. H. Teunisson, Co. A and his crew started work.

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Co. B, 253d Leads 63d in Orientation

An "also ran" two months ago when it was relegated to the bottom of the list, the 253d Inf. this week popped up with the winner of the monthly orientation award in Co. B.

Capt. William F. Gerard's boys, under the leadership of Pfc. Joseph L. Grucci, received a rating of 92.2 percent from Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris and his Div. inspection team, thereby topping Co. M, 255th Inf., and Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., by two points each. Co. E of the 254th Inf. was fourth with 89.1 and the Replacement Training Group last with 88.4 percent.

Gen. Harris commended Col. Edward P. Lukert, 253d Inf. Regt. Cdr., for the excellence of the orientation hours in the latter's command. The General also gave recognition to the high standard of the RTC's top-ranking day room exhibit when he commended Maj. Frank B. Farr and the Group's officer and enlisted orientation personnel, Lt. Mark F. Monroe and S/Sgt. Carl B. Hanson, for the

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Baton Rouge Provides Cots for 63d Soldiers

Through the efforts of officials of the USO and the American Legion, 100 cots with bedding will be available for use by soldiers visiting Baton Rouge over the current weekend. The cots will be set up at the Community Club which is next to the Post Office on Florida street.

Prior to last week cots and bedding were discontinued, however, for military reasons.

Campbell Sings Lead Today in "Robin Hood"

63d Division Sergeant in LSU Presentation at Theater No. 1

The timeless tale of Robin Hood and his merry men in Sherwood Forest, will be unfolded before two audiences today when Reginald de Koven's Opera, will be presented by students of Louisiana State University at Theater No. 1. The matinee performance is scheduled to start at 1400 while the curtain will rise on the evening presentation at 1900.

Sgt. John Campbell of Division Band, who was loaned to the University when the armed services depleted the supply of eligible male singers at the school, will sing the role of Robin Hood. Opposite him in the feminine lead in the afternoon performance will be Audrey Lavigne, New Orleans soprano, who plays the part of Maid Marian. Marguerite McClelland will fill the role in the evening show.

Roy Odom will have the colorful role of the Sheriff of Nottingham at both performances, and Arthur Schutzmann will play Sir Guy of Gisborne. William Hathorn is Little John in both presentations. Jovial Friar Tuck is played by William Read, and Johanna Cochman and Carolyn Turquette will alternate in Allan-a-Dale. Rose Lee Grace and Geraldine Sloan will play Dame Guerdun, and Ann Wardell and Westlyn Stephens will play the part of Annabel.

The Louisiana State players will conclude a tour of Army camps in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Admission to each performance today will be by ticket only. Tickets have been distributed free of charge on a pro rata arrangement throughout the Division.

Special Services Seeks Talent for Dramatics

Division Special Services is contemplating the staging of a series of one-act plays and is seeking dramatic talent from among members of the 63d Div. Soldiers who have had previous dramatic experience are asked to mail their names and that of their organizations to Division Special Services, 63d Division, or phone 2139.

The Special Services office has sponsored a variety of events including radio programs, musical shows and variety shows, but has not thus far ventured into the realm of the drama.

Chicken, Southern Fried, Leads GIs to Baptism

"Me, Pvt. Jack Starr, and my friend Pvt. Joe Allthumb, Co. D, 255th Inf., are standing by the jukebox in the PX Saturday night drinking a well-known beverage and discussing the progress of the war as regards its effects on brewing, when up walks Pvt. Knuckles Knudtson, Co. E, 255th. Knuckles is holding a half bottle of lubrication in one hand and a soggy cigar in the other.

"Personally, I do not know where he gets the cigar, as I am unable to locate a cigar anywhere, even at the C' Blue officers' club, where my friend Pvt. Nick Tynos, has a job as waiter.

"Hi, Knudtson, how's your Knuckles?" Allthumb and I ask, for this is the standard greeting to

Knuckles, who gets his nickname throughout the regiment from boasting how hard his knuckles are.

Serviced On Furlough

"But Knuckles ignores the greeting and instead he gives us the information that he has just returned from furlough.

"And I am now a member of the Furningham Society for Service to Servicemen," he says.

"It's like this," he explains. "Me and Johnnie Lyons got our furlough at the same time and we leave together on the same train and we're lucky enough to get seats, which is highly unusual; this being a time of war and everybody's got to visit their relatives and take a vacation and so forth,

and on the train we meet this little dogface by the name of Antonio who is on his way to a POE with a small group in charge of a sergeant who has meal tickets for Antonio and the other men.

"Antonio is very friendly and me and him and Johnnie get chummy and when the train gets to Furningham, where we got a five-hour wait, the three of us decide to walk about the town and have a gander at the place.

"Well, it's about lunch time and we're walking in the edge of the business district and Antonio is saying he must find the sergeant who has his GI meal ticket, when a geezer who is shaped physically like a barracks bag steps out of a

doorway onto the sidewalk right in front of us and says:

"Welcome to Furningham, brothers. Welcome. Would you come inside and have a chicken dinner, free?"

Dinner Is Accepted

"Chicken being one of my favorite foods when it is well prepared, which is to say fried golden and flaky, I agree immediately that a chicken dinner is a good idea, especially as it appears the dish is free and gratis, so we go inside with the geezer who is shaped, as I say, like a barracks bag.

"As we enter the lobby of the building, a woman comes to meet us and takes me by the arm and leads us to a big ledger and says for us to sign our names and our

parents' names and home address, just as a record of how many servicemen pass through there," she says, so I see nothing wrong in that and I sign and so does Johnnie and Antonio.

"Then we go in the dining room and have a chicken dinner and cake and pie with ice cream and stuff, all of which may cost us a buck each in town, and I'm wondering what the deal is.

"It's getting on towards the time for our train to leave and I'm anxious to get going, as I cannot eat another crumb of chicken, Antonio looks at his watch and says he's in a hurry, too, so we gather up the bones of the fowl we consumed and pile them on one end

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Battle Exercises Illustrate Attack

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One of the scouts seeking to determine the strength and disposition of opposing troops blithely ignored the cover afforded by a culvert as he began his mission and became the first "dead sucker."

Lesson Disregarded

Two other riflemen subsequently forgot the point brought home by the simulated "death" of their barracks-mate, ignored the advantages of the terrain features and similarly became "battle casualties."

The lesson, however, was not lost on the second scout who successfully obtained the information. From there on the platoon leader developed the attack.

Using light machine gun, rifle and 60 mm mortar fire in support of a flanking movement, the platoon took "Wheeler Ridge." Smoke shells provided a screen and the 81 mm mortars replaced the 60s as the direction of the enveloping movement was changed from right to left and the second, or "Harris Ridge" was swept clean of opposition and occupied.

A pounding by the 105s, heavy mortars and heavy machine guns theoretically flattened enemy installations on his strong point, "Hibbs Ridge." Then led by expert rifle fire that swept in ahead of the clean-up squad by as little as five feet, the mission was completed.

USAFI Extends Courses To Cover All Internees

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U. S. military and naval personnel who are prisoners of war or internees in neutral countries now may use the educational facilities of the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, the War Department has disclosed.

The shipment and distribution of this material is being handled by the War Prisoners Aid of the YMCA, a member agency of the National War Fund, the WD said. An Education Center is being established at Geneva, Switzerland, where the program will be carried out.

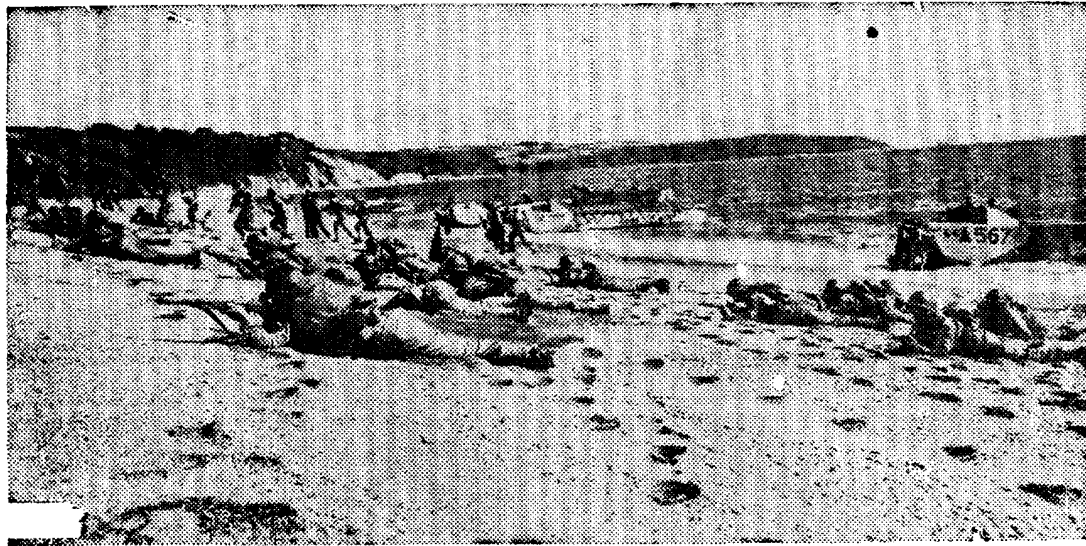
Under this plan, thousands of standard and special textbooks and courses already are being shipped abroad. Later they will be distributed among prisoners of war and internees and lessons will be graded and returned and examinations will be conducted.

The Institute now offers more than 70 high school, vocational and college courses, a number that soon will be increased to 200. All of these courses will be made available to prisoners under the new plan.

Engineers Improve Division Air Field

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ing at the east end, while Lt. Robert Miller, Co. B, is at the west end. When they meet at Beaver Creek, Co. C will build a bridge, completing the operation.



DRESS REHEARSAL for invasion is shown as Allied troops in England practice for D Day on an English beach. Here Yank troops are shown hitting the dirt after landing from invasion craft. Every man must know his job intimately for the big push. Signal Corps photo.

April Busy Month For Division Band

The 63d Div. band had a busy month during April. The musicians of the three dance bands and the military band played a total of 50 engagements. Among these were 29 dances, 13 retreat parades, seven shows, and the baseball game between the Division All-Stars and the Pelicans.

Three dance bands, the Red Unit directed by Pfc. Don Pablo, the White under WOJG Harold E. Polakoff, and the Blue under T/4 Charles Blue, divided the dances between them. Highlight of these performances came when the White unit, composed of 16 pieces, staged a "Battle of Swing" with the 205th colored band at Service Club No. 3.

From the first downbeat until the end of the session, the Service Club rocked with rhythm. The two bands will repeat the "battle" again at Service Clubs 1 and 2 sometime this month.

Among the shows played by the band was the USO Show which came to camp April 3, 4 and 5, the Division Minstrel Show at which the White unit played, and a special show staged by the White band at the Service Clubs.

Privates Feted By Redleg NCOs

Proving that many a warm heart beats near a set of chevrons, non-commissioned officers of the 718th F. A. "threw" a party for privates of the battalion Thursday night.

Dancing, food and drink were plentiful and clever entertainment, under the supervision of Pvt. Bernard B. Miller, of Btry. B, added to the guests' enjoyment.

Featured in three skits produced by Pvt. Miller were Cpl. Henry Gross, as "The Voice," Pvt. John Melchiodi, as "The King of Details" and Privts. Melchiodi and Paul Badome in a number titled, "Care of Material on the Meat Cutter."

Infantry's Role in Combat Told Newcomers to 254th

Speaking from first hand experience, officers of the 63d Div. painted a graphic picture of the part played by the infantry in isolated instances in the present conflict for a group of former air forces men now with the 254th Inf.

The occasion was the weekly regimental orientation program supervised by Lt. George S. Hoar at Theater No. 5. The speakers were Maj. Robert E. Tucker, commanding the 1st Bn. 254th Inf.; Maj. Burton L. Emerson, of the 363d Med. Bn.; Capt. Donald Lowe, commanding Co. C, 254th Inf.; and Lt. Jack L. Maher, Co. I, 254th Inf.

Praise for 63d

A complimentary report on the conduct of 63d Div. men has been relayed by Lt. Edwin H. Haas, Camp Adjutant, whose duties recently carried him to and from Atlanta, Ga., on the train.

Asked by passengers about the Blood and Fire insignia, Lt. Haas identified the golden sword against a fiery background and was told by several passengers: "The conduct of those men has been exemplary. We've never seen a better behaved group of soldiers."

Fire Damages Mess Hall For Officers of 718th

A fire, the origin of which has not been determined, damaged the mess hall for officers of the 718th F. A. Battalion early Sunday morning. The fire started near the middle of the building and had shot through the roof before being discovered almost simultaneously by three soldiers who gave the alarm.

Firemen under Assistant Chief Charles Wilson stretched three hoses to the fire and the flames were quickly brought under control. A portion of the roof was burned through and the entire interior of the building was blackened from smoke and heat. Work on reconstructing the burned portions is progressing rapidly.

CT Blue Dance Draws Large Crowd to Hall

The largest crowd for any regimental social event of the year was present as men of the 255th Inf. sponsored a dance in CT Blue rec. hall last night. Scores of girls from Baton Rouge, Natchez and McComb gave color to the event.

During intermission, a variety of entertainment was staged by the regimental special service office, under the supervision of Lt. Mike Naddeo. T/5 Mordecai Bauman, asst. to Lt. Naddeo, was master of ceremonies.

Music for the occasion was furnished by a division orchestra, through co-operation of Actg. Special Service Officer, Lt. David H. Duffy.

YALILEVSKY IS HONORED
Victory, Russia's highest honor, has been bestowed on Marshal Alexander Vasilievsky, chief of the Red Army's General Staff, the Moscow radio announced.

Co. B. 253d Leads 63d in Orientation

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fine result of their collective efforts.

The RTG received 37.2 out of a possible 40 percent for its display but the quality of orientation hours in the section in which it was grouped was not considered as good as any of the others and Maj. Farr's unit suffered accordingly.

Co. B met the more exacting demands of the Division inspection team with an exhibit featuring novel lighting effects and a floor-sketch of Tojo with the inviting caption to "Step on the Common Enemy."

The inspecting team composed of Gen. Harris, Lt. David H. Duffy, actg. Div. Sp. Serv. officer; and Lts. Antony M. Marine and John E. Cox, aides-de-camp to Gen. Harris, will visit every company and battery day room at some time during each month. Already, the winner for April is planning to retain its honors with a series of simulated radio-broadcasts around which its orientation forums will revolve.

Veteran Banjoist Stops USO Shows

Eddie Jerome, veteran of the vaudeville circuits, who has been heard on many radio programs strumming his banjo and singing popular songs, stopped the shows at Div. Arty and Special Troops Rec. Halls Monday and Tuesday nights, when the Tabloid Group of USO players presented entertainment for enthusiastic soldier audiences.

Jerome was encored several times at both rec halls as he sang a medley of World War I songs, together with popular songs of the present.

Not far behind Jerome in receiving the plaudits of the audiences was Virginia James, a singer who scored a hit with "A Good Man Is Hard to Find."

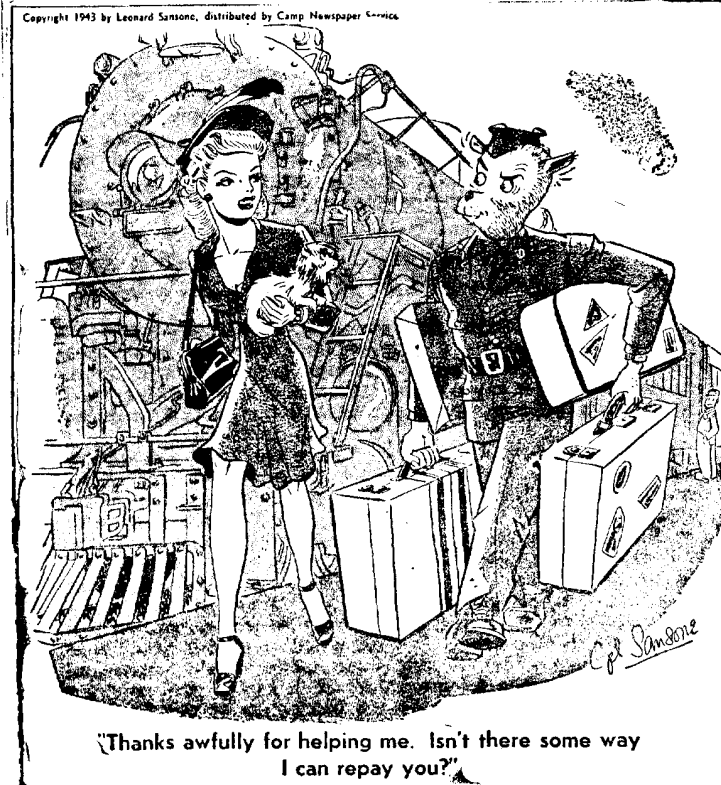
Peggy Longstreth presented two interpretative dances, and Eddie Dawson, the master of ceremonies, scored when he staged an original quiz contest, "I'llalaloo."

253d Orchestra Plays At Vicksburg Tonight

The 253d Inf. orchestra is scheduled to play for a formal dance at the Servicemen's Center, Vicksburg, tonight. The Redcats will be met at the Vicksburg station by a delegation from the Center headed by Mrs. E. D. Helgason.

Last Saturday the 253d musicians played for a formal dance at the Carondelet street USO in New Orleans. Sunday afternoon the orchestra entertained patients at J.A. Garde General Hospital, and also played for a tea dance at the USO.

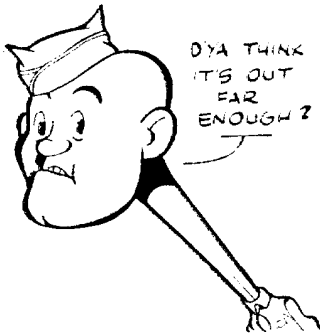
The Wolf by Sansone



NAZI DOODLEBUG is this miniature tank which the Germans used recently on the Italian front. It was under remote control by radio and contained 250 pounds of explosives. Including bumper it is 69 inches long and 25 inches high. The tanks proved easy marks for Allied snipers.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Far be it from me to look down my nose at you NCOs who have just joined the Division from other outfits. If mine are a sample of what the other outfits got, then the 63d is mighty lucky to acquire you, but you're up against a situation that might prove a little tough and I'm going to stick my neck 'way out now and give



You a little advice which I hope will help you to get squared away in your new home and keep those chevrons from sprouting wings and flying away. So please take it in the spirit in which it is given.

To get down to brass tacks, there are a lot more noncoms in the Division than the T/O calls for, due to your arrival. This gives the company commander a chance to pick and choose and get rid of those he doesn't want. In other words, it's you against the guy who has been raised and "made" here.

I think you get what I mean, and it reminds me of once in the old days when it was an unwritten law that when a NCO vacancy came along in a company someone, and usually the senior NCO in that company, got the promotion. Well, in the regiment I was in something happened to one of the first sergeants in another company. In those days there weren't a flock of staff and technical sergeants in a rifle company like now, and damned few buck sergeants for that matter, one of whom I was which.

Anyway, the colonel commanding the regiment liked me for some reason and he just picked me up, made me a top kick and put me in that other company. What a hell of a row it stirred up! The company commander went to the regimental commander, told him he didn't want me—that he wanted to make his own top sergeant, and got booted out of the colonel's office. And I was the guy who had to get along with and please that company commander! But I was young in those days and smart enough to realize that I had to produce or

CT White Plans New Stage Show

Members of the WAC Det. will join entertainers from CT White Special Services in the production, "Oh, My Back," in the near future. It was announced by Lt. Lawson M. Kately, Special Services officer, this week.

Produced by T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joseph Dolin, whose most recent offering was the hilarious "Kwazy Kwiz," the show will include novelty melodies, and sketches of old time burlesque.

Featured attraction of the "burleycue" will be Miss Peaches La Trine, a newly discovered "Strip-tease" who will do a "patriotic peep."

United Nations Songs Heard by Men of 254th

A repeat presentation of the United Nations song festival was enjoyed by men of the 254th Inf., Monday morning at Theater No. 1 under the auspices of the Regimental Orientation Department.

Pfc. Joseph Dolin of Regimental Special Services, was the narrator explaining the recorded songs of the United Nations. The musical program was augmented by pictures flashed on the screen.

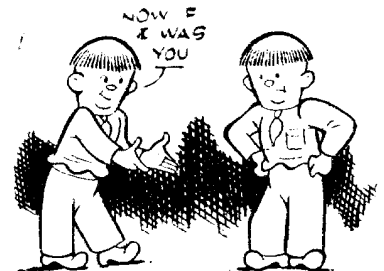
A community sing preceded the recorded music. Cpl. Jack Sontag of 1st Bn., Hq. Co., was the accompanist.

A similar program was presented for the men of Div. Arty last week.

else and make a laughing stock of the regimental commander, besides.

Luckily the captain turned out to be a fair-minded man. This happened long ago but I still wake up nights in a sweat over what I went through. How did the other NCOs in the company take it? Well, they didn't like it, of course, but it didn't take them long to find out that I was capable of doing something more than just lugging those chevrons around and drawing my pay, and it soon got to be OK with them.

But, to get back to you folks, I have been in the Army a hell of a long time, came in before some of you were born, and I ought to know a good outfit when I see one. Well, this is one, take it from me, and the big reason it is good is that the CG has insisted that the NCOs be raised right. I am not saying that there aren't some duds because I would be a liar if I did, but there aren't many. By and large they know their jobs and live up to their responsibilities. In other words, you're up against keen competition, remember that!



My second and last tip is that you forget about that outfit you have just left and get busy selling yourself to this one. There's a saying as old as the Army that the two best posts are the one you just left and the one you going to. Forget it! The sooner you work yourself into this outfit and get to be a part of it the better off you are going to be.

And I want to wind up by telling you again that we're mighty glad to have you.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810
(Saturday, May 6, Through Friday, May 12)
SATURDAY—"Between Two Worlds," with John Garfield, Paul Henreid, Dennis King and Eleanor Parker.
SUN.-MON.—"And the Angels Sing," with Dorothy Lamour, Fred MacMurray and Betty Hutton.
TUESDAY—"Slightly Terrible," with Leon Errol, Anne Rooney and Eddie Quillan; "Silent Partner," with Bill Henry, Beverly Lloyd and Grant Withers.
WED.-THURS.—"Once Upon a Time," with Cary Grant, Janet Blair and James Gleason.
FRIDAY—"Yellow Canary," with Anna Neagle and Richard Greene.
THEATER NO. 3
Starting Time—1845
(Sunday, May 7, Through Saturday, May 13)
SUN.-MON.—"Between Two Worlds," with John Garfield, Paul Henreid, Dennis King and Eleanor Parker.
TUES.-WED.—"And the Angels Sing," with Dorothy Lamour, Fred MacMurray and Betty Hutton.
THURSDAY—"Slightly Terrible," with Leon Errol, Anne Rooney and Eddie Quillan; "Silent Partner," with Bill Henry, Beverly Lloyd and Grant Withers.
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S/Sgt. Grimes of 861st Weds Pvt. Welch, WAC

S. Sgt. Michael Grimes, Btry. C, 861st P.A., married a private in the U. S. Army who has also appeared in the movies. His bride is the former Pvt. Christine Welch, AAF WAC Det., Chanute Field, Ill. They were married April 24 in Baton Rouge.

Pvt. Welch appeared in the War Dept. picture, "So That a Man May Fight," filmed at Chanute Field as part of the WAC recruiting drive. Before joining the WAC she was a Civil Service worker in Memphis, Tenn.

Battery Commander Major D. C. Beers was guest of honor at the reception held in the Baroque Room, Hotel Heidelberg, and Sgt. Clarence Cox was the best man.

56 Are Promoted In Ranks of 863d

Fifty-six promotions were announced recently in 863d F. A. They are:

To T/Sgt.: T/4 Andrew S. Hajducik, Hq. Btry. and S/Sgt. John E. Smith, also Hq. Btry.
To S/Sgt.: T/4 Mike W. Hicks, C Btry. and Sgts. Harold F. Davis, B Btry.; Patsy L. DeBartolo, B Btry.; Joseph L. Minecci, A Btry.; Arthur J. Purcell, Hq. Btry.; Anthony Santa Barbara, Hq. Btry., and William O. Stroud, C Btry.
To Sgt.: T/4 John F. Higgins, T/5 Benjamin Carb and Cpl. Harold I. Reilly, all of C Btry.; Cpls. Andrew W. Ballard, Norman W. Saum and John J. Listkowski of C Btry.; Cpl. James H. McGill, A Btry.; T/5 Allen E. Rhoades, A Btry.; T/5 William H. Roush, Serv. Btry., and T/5 Allan B. Strong, Hq. Btry.
To T/4: Cpl. Howard E. Brent, T/5's Charles H. Cohen, Leonard A. Cohen, Joseph F. Gende, Frederick R. Hansen, Harold J. Holland, Ted Lettier, Hugh J. Mosser, Alvin McFeeley, Harold F. Ross, Eugene Suter, Robert T. Stein, Arthur E. Zabeiski, all of Hq. Btry.; Milton J. Hart, Cullen J. Picken, Harry A. Walker and Harry J. Zanelli, all of A Btry.; Earl Whiskey and Wilfred T. Reckenwald of C Btry., and Richard A. Goddellow, Serv. Btry.
To Cpl.: T/5's Charles E. Anderson, William D. Krotzer, Eugene K. Spani, John B. Tomlinson and Raymond Yates of Hq. Btry.; Harrison V. Blass, Raymond S. Folkman, Leonard J. Locke, George J. Lutz, Jr., of A Btry.; Robert E. Griffin, Walter A. Ross and Ralph J. Serago of B Btry.; Edward M. Kniaz, Ralph E. Easley, William E. Friesse of C Btry.; Carl D. Carlson and Glen O. Sine, Serv. Btry.

PX Twins

Nicknamed "The PX Twins" by their buddies in Co. 3, RTG, Pvts. Baraham Sicherman and Frank Zarawsky claim their foot lockers are the smallest but most complete commissaries in the 63d Div.

They receive more food packages from home than any other men in the RTG.

Sicherman received seven bundles on one day this week. An inspection of his foot locker showed three apple pies, two dozen oranges, 15 pounds of assorted cakes and cookies, salami and 10 boxes of candy.

Zarawsky displayed a large box of potato chips, a two-pound box of chocolates, three boxes of crackers, a carton of cigars, two cans of fruit cocktail, a jar of boneless pig's feet, a jar of boneless chicken, two jars of corned beef spread, a four-ounce package of Bavarian cheese, a four-ounce box of Gouda cheese spread, a can of sardines and a new spoon and can opener.

Varied Program At Gloster USO

Soldiers from the 63d Div. and their wives are enjoying a variety of activities at the newly renovated USO at Gloster.

A five-piece division band played at the formal May Dance last Saturday. The club was tastefully decorated by the hostesses in charge, who announced that an orchestra will play for dances on the second Saturday of each month.

Square dancing, which was initiated last Thursday, will be featured every Thursday night, with soldiers and civilians welcome.

A community sing was presented last Sunday afternoon, after which sandwiches, prepared by the Junior Hostesses, were served. This is a weekly feature.

Beginning Monday, gym classes will be held at 1950 each Monday and Thursday for Army wives.

Mrs. Virginia Parker, former dietitian at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, will speak at the Heir Corps Club Wednesday. Her subject will be pre-natal care.

Allies in Co. E, 254th, Orientation Are Women

The fact that the "Allies" depicted in the orientation display of Co. E, 254th Inf., are women is probably the reason for the subject's precedence over the main display.

The curious Allies are companions of Pfc. Jay "Wally" Welch, and are titled: "Chinese Doll," "Belle of the Islands," and "A Girl Back Home." There also is an English girl awaiting the return of her "Tommy Atkins."

Lt. Leconte Cathy is orientation officer, while Sgt. Hanson A. Jacque is his assistant.



ALL SNAKES found wriggling through the underbrush in the environs of Camp Van Dorn are not venomous. This photo of a harmless Bull snake held full length by Sgt. Charles W. (Half) Moon, of Cannon Co., 255th Inf., prompted BLOOD AND FIRE to do a little research on the subject of poisonous reptiles. In the article below Sgt. E. Thomas Gilliard, Co. M, and S Sgt. Donald H. Ford, Medics of the 255th, give some pointers on snakes found in Mississippi.

Dangerous Snakes in Area Are Rare, Expert Declares

Soldiers new to the field who feel a growing concern over the prospect of meeting up with a snake or two can take heart from the words of Sgt. E. Thomas Gilliard who says that, with the exception of the water moccasin or cottonmouth, dangerous reptiles in this vicinity are rare.

Formerly assistant curator of ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History, the 31-year-old member of Co. M, 255th

Inf., points out that copperheads, while expected to be found in abundance in Mississippi, must be presumed to be few in number. For, to his knowledge, only three were taken during the last six months. Considering the number of man-days spent in the field by his company alone, his observation as to their presence hereabout should bear weight.

Rattlers Are Scarce

"Rattlers are feared but decades of farming has reduced the numbers of the Cantabrigia and Diamondback variety to such an extent that it is extremely hard to find either of them in this area," Sgt. Gilliard contends.

"Unfortunately, training aids dealing with poisonous reptiles of this area give the impression that coral snakes are dangerous in the extreme. However, the aids fail to indicate that this species is quite docile and usually so small it cannot bite a man except on the edge of a finger or toe.

"Probably the most dangerous of the reptiles which live around Camp Van Dorn is the cottonmouth. Collectors term it a 'mean snake,' due mainly to its habit of hanging from bushes in swampy areas and lashing out at the head and arms.

"Bites from this viper are dangerous but a healthy man usually will survive their effects. It will strike by day or night and can bite under water. Its habitat is almost exclusively around swamps and small streams.

"Diamondback rattlers and canebrakes are really bad when they bite. Fortunately, they are equipped to warn of their presence. A rattler will almost invariably sound its rattle or depart for other territory when disturbed. Moreover, they are decidedly less dangerous than the cottonmouth in this vicinity."

Sgt. Gilliard, a resident of Ruxton, Md., who made several trips (Continued on Page 8)

Walter J. Durkin Promoted to CWO

Promotion of Mr. Walter J. Durkin, assistant personnel officer of the 254th Inf., to the rank of chief warrant officer was announced in a special order of the Fourth Army Hq., recently.

Mr. Durkin, who hails from Patterson, N. J., began his Army career as a private in January, 1941, at Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he was attached to the 9th Div. He was a cadet at Camp Campbell, Ky., and later at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. At Breckenridge he was chosen a member of the original cadre of the "Blood and Fire" Division and was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., in May, 1943, as personnel sergeant major. He was promoted to warrant officer junior grade last July.

Noted for his ability as a singer, Mr. Durkin has been a frequent entertainer at the Officers' Club and at Serv. Co. parties.

WAC WARRANT OFFICERS

The WAC now boasts four Warrant Officers, promoted March 7. The first WACs to wear the bars of the Warrant officers are: Mary Bell J. Nissly, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; Mary Nelson Waterman, Charleston, N. C.; Margery L. Pickett and Florence A. Love, both of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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EDITORIAL

"DO UNTO OTHERS"

Wherever you find soldiers you will invariably find some dogs. Nearly every Army camp has its complement of dogs, small and large, fat and lean, mangy and otherwise. Dogs are characterized as man's best friend, and stories are legion about the faithfulness of dogs to their masters.

Camp Van Dorn has its full share of all kinds of dogs. Because most of these canines are homeless, many of them run-down and others diseased, Camp authorities have decreed that all dogs must be inoculated against rabies and maintained properly, otherwise they will be picked up and disposed of. There is no fault to find with this procedure.

Numerous stray dogs hang around mess tents seeking food. Most of them are objects of pity and the soldiers are willing to share their food with them. There have been instances, however, when dogs have been maltreated by individuals around mess halls. This should be stopped. There are ways to get rid of these dogs if they are a nuisance, but cruelty is not one of them.

FIGHTING FIRES

Two fires occurred recently within the Division area both of which caused considerable damage to the buildings involved. Communications were disrupted for several hours after the fire at the telephone exchange, while the officers' mess hall at the 718th F. A. was badly damaged by flames only last Sunday.

Care should be taken at all times to safeguard buildings against fire, but when it does break out the alarm should be given promptly by the quickest method. In the case of the telephone exchange and the officers' mess fires, Fire Headquarters was notified promptly in both instances but the buildings were, nevertheless, seriously damaged.

One of the paramount reasons why men are detailed to guard duty is to guard against the spread of fire. Sentries should familiarize themselves with the location of all fire alarm boxes on their posts. When fire is discovered the first duty is to awaken someone in the building, and then to turn in an alarm. Oftentimes, fire officials point out, persons waste valuable time seeking a telephone in some building, when it would be far quicker to send the alarm from a fire alarm box.

Each fire alarm box, and there are 150 of them in the camp, is equipped with a phone connected directly with Fire Headquarters. When reporting a fire soldiers are asked by fire officials not only to give the location of the fire but the building number also.

The camp fire department is efficient but its task is a hard one because of the inflammability of the buildings it must protect. Speed and accuracy in reporting fires will make its job easier and may be instrumental in saving life and property.



News from Here and There

In the Army or Out He's Still a Porter

FT. BENNING, Ga.—When the USO Camp Show "Town Topics" pulled out of Miami earlier this month for a trip to several Southern camps, a station porter named Powell said to the show manager:

"Well, this is the last time I'll check out a camp show... I'll be in the Army tomorrow myself," he said.

A few days later, when the show pulled into Ft. Benning a soldier leaped from a truck to help move the troupe's baggage. He was Pvt. Powell, now at the Negro Reception Center, working on his very first Army detail.

War to Cost Nations 90 Billion by 1944

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Tax Institute, an organization devoted to research in the field of finance, the cost of the war to nations on both sides will have reached 90 billions of dollars by the end of 1944. This estimate is based on such data as is available from both Allied and Axis nations.

Free College Tuition Offered Ex-Servicemen

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Free tuition in the School of Education, Columbia University, will be offered qualified men discharged from the armed forces during the spring term, according to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the University.

The plan is limited to applicants unable to carry the cost themselves and is designed to bridge over an emergency period in education, according to Dr. Butler.

New Ration for 25 Men Developed by Army GM

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A new hospital ration sufficient for 25 men, which is compact and weighs only 60 pounds, has been developed by the Army Quartermaster Corps. The ration is placed in a metal container, and is readily transportable to any battle area.

The ration stresses both eye and appetite appeal, consisting of a variety of canned fruits, juices, dehydrated soup, coffee, sugar, and evaporated milk.

Lightweight Furnace Heats 2-Room House

NEW YORK, N. Y.—When the war is all over and the soldiers are ready to become civilians again they may find several changes in domestic devices and gadgets, among them will be a 21-pound furnace that will generate all the heat necessary for a 2-room house. The furnace has been developed by a manufacturer and will be

available for civilian use after the war. It is now being used in military aircraft.

Holidays Scare GI Who Finds Them Busy

CAMP STEWART—Don't talk about holidays to Pvt. Rollo Vest of Camp Stewart, Georgia. Last Thanksgiving he was ordered to take his preliminary Army physical exam. On Christmas Day, among many greeting cards, he received his "Greetings" from the President. On New Year's Day he was inducted, on Valentine's Day he was ordered to active duty. Everything rolled along nicely until his birthday, March 11, when he went to the hospital with the grippe. "Next time I see a holiday coming," Pvt. Vest declares, "I'm going to dive for the nearest foxhole."

Commissions Asked For Women of WASPS

WASHINGTON — Commissions for WASPS—the women who fly for the Ferry Command or who will be used in the training command—have been requested by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces. In asking for legislation to make this possible, the General stated that the women should be commissioned instead of retaining their present civilian status, as more and more men will be required for the fighting forces and women will have to replace them in non-combat capacities.

British Censor Saves Officer Some Explaining

LONDON—The British censors are most accommodating, and, according to a correspondent for an American newspaper, the censor saved one British naval officer some embarrassment. It seems the officer, stationed in the Southwest Pacific, wrote two sentimental letters home. The first he wrote to his wife and the second to another lady. The officer put each letter in the wrong envelope. When the mail arrived in England a postal censor saw the blunder and corrected it.

More Fire Bombs Used In Raids Over Germany

WASHINGTON—Incendiaries or fire bombs form the greater portion of any bomb load now dropped on German cities, according to the Chemical Warfare Service. The incendiary percentage has increased from about 5 per cent at the beginning of the war to a present average of 60 per cent of the bomb load. On a recent mission to Berlin, the bombers dropped 350,000 incendiaries, the fire bombs being 98 per cent of their load.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Norman R. Olsen
(Special Troops)

About this time of year, a great circus begins its annual tour. Youngsters and grownups across the country will soon enjoy a day of excitement occasioned by a visit to their community. Most of us can recall the fun we had on circus day.

Now a circus side-show is often interesting to watch, among other remarkable things, the so-called freaks. The tiniest midget; the tallest giant; the human skeleton; the fire-eater—and others. Seeing them, however, isn't always to believe in them. Many are the expressions of doubt from bystanders.

"I don't believe that stuff! There's something funny about that! It's a lot of hokum!" is heard.

Yet there is a certain amount of willingness on the part of most of us to accept whatever deception may be part of the circus business rather casually. We enjoy its entertainment.

Frequently there are individuals in the outside world who are impressed upon our memories for one reason or another. When I was a boy I remember hearing about a certain man who was described as having "one head and two hearts." I could understand that a man would have a head, but the "two hearts" was confusing.

Actually it was a was of expressing that there were conflicting forces for good and evil within human beings. Perhaps this man was not unlike most of us. He wanted people to think well of him, that he was upright and honest, yet he did many things that were contradictions. He permitted lower impulses to dominate him, and his morals were not always good. He evidently had a good mind, and could think clearly, but he did not follow what he knew to be right and best. Like many, he defied his own conscience.

In some degree we are all more or less like that. The lure of evil, often so appealing, overwhelms one's better judgment. The two-hearted person conveniently allows the "bad" heart to choose pleasures, the consequences of which bring only pain and remorse. The better side of one's nature is put down, and the wrong way is chosen without much thought.

If any part of our experience is like this, let us remember that true religion inspires single-hearted devotion to God and to what is good. We can be consistent morally if we desire it. In the Army it is self-evident that a man with divided loyalty makes a poor soldier. In our personal living, where character and integrity count, double standards have no place.

St. Paul expressed it aptly when he said: "This one thing I do... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God." Such devotion to a lofty purpose brings its rewards. Among them may be included the confidence and respect of others. People will believe in us! Best of all—we shall be true to ourselves.

G. I. Jingles

DIXIE

My heart was heavy that eventful day
When I was sent down Van Dorn way.
For I always pictured the South to be
Just heat and bugs and misery.

But my heart admits that it was wrong
For now it's singing a brand new song,
And it has me dancing just like a pixie,
For it was in the South that I found Dixie.

Not the Dixie they land in song,
I knew of that Dixie all along.
But a sweet little thing, my heart's desire,
Whose praise I sing and never tire.

When first we met 'twas eye to eye,
I gazed and breathed an audible sigh.
She blushed discreetly and lowered her gaze
Leaving me standing in an awkward daze.

She's fair and sweet like a breath of spring,
Making Dame Nature want to sing.
The flowers smile when she passes by,
And the stern old oaks even manage a sigh.

When I'm with her my life's complete,
For there's not a test our love won't meet.
When the curfew tolls and we both must part,
I tuck a part of her in my heart.

Some day this Yank and Rebel maid
Will seal the bargain that they made,
And settle down to a life of joy,
He hoping for a girl and she for a boy.
—By S/Sgt. Thomas J. Carroll,
254th Inf. Medical

AROUND AMERICA

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (CNS)—This city has a new candidate for "Meanest Man in the World" honors. He is the unknown thief who stole two guitars from a blind musician.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—Guy H. Moe, 64, of Alexandria, Minn., was visiting in Minneapolis when he slipped on the wet pavement and fell down. A couple of kindly strangers helped him to his feet, dusted him off, snatched his wallet and ran away.

SHREVEPORT, La. (CNS)—Chased by her husband, who was brandishing a hot smoothing iron, athletic Mrs. Lucille Cash cleared a seven-foot barbed wire fence and escaped. Later she sued for divorce.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS)—Harried by manpower shortages, city officials have turned 200 head of sheep loose on the banks of Lake Springfield to substitute for lawn mowers by munching the grass.

TRENTON, N. J. (CNS)—The will of Mrs. Mary Kubery left \$2 to her husband with the proviso "That he use \$1 of same to purchase a rope to hang himself."

EVANSTON, Ill. (CNS)—Police are seeking the meanest thief in the Middle West, who stole two two-way stretch girdles from Mrs. H. D. Mitchell's clothesline. Girdles are almost unobtainable here.

GALLUP, N. M. (CNS)—A newly-rich Indian bought a grand piano but found that the door to his mud hut was too narrow to enable him to get his treasure inside. So he built a new hut—around the piano.

NEW YORK (CNS)—A man wearing a badge entered a Seventh Avenue restaurant. "Clean up around here," he ordered the manager. The manager complied, although he thought the place was clean already. Later the badge-wearing man returned, complimented the manager and in a friendly mood asked him to cash a check for \$75. Again the manager acquiesced. The check bounced. Police are seeking the phony inspector.

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Judge Pierson M. Hall ordered the court calendar called. "You do it," replied the clerk. Flabbergasted at this effrontery, the judge testily repeated his request. "You do it," the clerk repeated. A man stepped forward. "I guess you mean me," said U. Doit, a defendant.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS)—Youngest student at Yale this year is Merrill Wolf, who has entered the famed university as a sophomore at the age of 12.

NYACK, N. Y. (CNS)—The Volunteer Fire Department of Central Nyack is seeking women volunteers to drive the rear wheel of the big hook and ladder truck.

CHICAGO—Bossy tried to go

AWOL, but they got her in the end. While unloading a cattle truck alongside the south branch of the Chicago River a cow jumped into the water. A Coast Guard vessel responded to the call and three Coast Guardsmen in a launch guided the 1,000-pound animal back. (Continued on Page 8)



COMBAT SOLDIER is the title of a mural on the wall over the entrance to CT Blue Red. Hall. The painting was done by T.5 Frank Frollo, who was a commercial artist in civilian life.

Combat Is Theme Of 255th's Mural

The Combat Soldier, a mural by T.5 Frank J. Frollo, Co. M 255th Inf., dominates the right entrance wall of the CT Blue rec hall. It is the central theme of the orientation display arranged by Lt. Ralph E. Bond, 255th orientation officer and his assistant T.5 John B. Lyman.

The mural depicts the bust of a combat soldier superimposed on an imaginative battle scene, in which all the modern infantry weapons are engaged successfully against the enemy.

T.5 Frollo is, in civilian life, a commercial artist. A native of New York City, the 29 year old BLOOD & FIRE soldier was rapidly forging his way to the top ranks in the field of commercial art when he was inducted into the Army in September, 1943.

His proudest achievement was the sale of an editorial drawing to the late Arthur Brisbane, who used it in the New York Sunday Mirror. The drawing pointed up the intense public interest in the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

Frollo's other clients included the Journal-American, the Post, the Police Gazette, and all of the Italian-American newspapers in New York. His subjects ranged the fields of sports and current events.

Father Moran to Hold Mass in Centreville

Roman Catholic mass will be celebrated at 1030 tomorrow at the Centre Theater, Centreville, for Catholic soldiers, their wives and relatives residing in the community. Father Patrick Moran will conduct the service.

Sunday mass will be said on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month, Father Moran announced today.

A new glass has been developed that is as light as cork and will float in water. Called foamkass, it is nine parts air and one part glass and is used as insulation in walls, floors and roofs.

Chicken' Southern Fried, Leads to Baptismal Front

(Continued From Page 1) of the table and are ready to announce our departure when geezer comes forward with three books and hands one to each of us. . . . "Ever since Knuckles starts talking, Allthumb and I listen without saying a word, and he talks at length about what happens, so if you don't mind I'll drain off the

Co. E Wins 254th Orientation Prize

A colorful and comprehensive orientation display in the company dayroom won the April "Award of Merit" for Co. E, 254th Inf., which nosed out Regimental Hq. Co. and Co. I, in the monthly competition. The choice was made by Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren and an inspection team of the three battalion commanders, Lt. Col. James Hatcher, Maj. William J. Bryan and Maj. Eugene Tucker.

The main feature of the display is a sand relief map of one of the most active war theaters, Burma. Made by Sgt. Jacque Harrison and Cpl. Edwin O'Loughlin, the map distinctly reveals the terrain on which the Allied forces are clashing with the Japs. On a large black wallboard, the maps of European and Asiatic war fronts, are trimly posted. Special panels show the nature of the enemy, one being headed "Good Japs"—with scenes of Japanese casualties. Numerous posters of the United Nations encircle the dayroom, while artistic airplane identification pictures fly overhead.

The orientation program is under supervision of Capt. Fred Horlock, company commander.

Two Engineer Noncoms Named to Attend OCS

Selected from 13 competitors for OCS, 1st Sgt. Karl Hendrix and Sgt. Alger Gustafson, 263d Engineer Combat Bn., are scheduled to arrive at the Engineering School, Ft. Belvoir, Va., on May 11th. They are the only two men from the division chosen under the present quota.

water and give you the spinach straight.

"It seems this geezer wants Knuckles and Johnnie and Antonio to sign a statement saying they wish to be baptized after which they will leave a small contribution of two and a half dollars to carry on the great work of the society, of which the geezer himself is founder, president and chairman of the board. They assert they already are church members in good standing, and then he brings up the small matter of the chicken dinner and says he cannot run a free eating establishment and a society, too, without funds.

"Knuckle had Johnnie and Antonio point out they do not have any spare time to carry on the great work of the society, even if they know what the work is, but just at this stage the woman who keeps the ledger comes walking in with a beautiful babe. They smile and shake hands all around and say they're glad Knuckles and Johnnie and Antonio are now fellow members of the society.

"This is the clincher. Not wishing to appear to be pikers in front of the beautiful babe, and seem ungrateful for the chicken dinner, and argue so long they may miss their train, they sign up for the deal and are baptized.

"When Knuckles arrives home there is a letter there already to his loving parents, saying their son has passed through and joined up and won't they join up, too, at two and a half, for which they get a book, and maybe in addition they can contribute some cabbage to help carry on the great work. A fin, the geezer explains, will enable him to care for two unlucky chaps who perhaps may not have resources of their own.

"There are some angles to this deal that can make it an outstanding financial proposition for an honest man who will watch his expenses and buy his chickens cheap. A smart man who can give away chicken dinners on a big scale will accumulate enough cabbage to live modestly without working so hard, I'm thinking.

"Naturally, I will not enumerate the angles, as I do not wish to give advice without compensation on such a nice business proposition.

Army Chaplains Are High on List Of War Casualties

Although the Chaplains Corps is one of the smaller groups of Army officers, a recent report of the War Department reveals that only the air forces and the infantry have suffered a higher proportion of casualties among its personnel, Division Chaplain William E. Patrick points out.

Chaplain Patrick cites the following facts to show that from the start of the war to the end of last year, 19 chaplains were killed in battle; 19 wounded; 33 were prisoners; one was missing in action and 31 died of accidents or illness.

Many Decorations
Decorations thus far awarded to chaplains in this war are as follows: Distinguished Service Cross, three; Croix de Guerre, three; Silver Star, 26; Legion of Merit, 15; Purple Heart, 39, and Soldier's Medal, four.

This is a record of which to be proud, and shows that the chaplain goes right along with the troops facing the common hazards. "Several chaplains known personally to me," says Chaplain Patrick, "have died overseas."

Chaplain (Captain) Frederick B. Howden, Jr., an Episcopalian, chaplain of that heroic group of New Mexico National Guardsmen that was so decimated at Bataan, died a prisoner of the Japanese some months after the Philippines were surrendered. Chaplain Howden, former rector at Roswell, N. M., was the son of the late Bishop F. B. Howden of that State.

Chaplain (Captain) Eunace A. Wallace, one of four brothers—all Presbyterian ministers from the Middle West—was killed in action, 16 February, in Italy. Before going overseas, first to Africa and then to Italy, Chaplain Wallace was Division Artillery chaplain in the 103d Inf. Division, of which the writer served as Division Chaplain for a year. In a recent letter from Brig. Gen. Roger M. Wicks, commander of the 103d, is this tribute:

Lauds Chaplain
"They don't come any better than Wallace, and his death is felt keenly by all of us in Div. Army."

"On 7 December, 1941, Captain Kirkpatrick, a Presbyterian Navy chaplain, was killed at Pearl Harbor. Twenty-five years ago, I walked into a naval headquarters in Lille, France. A Navy chaplain was standing in the office. I said: "My name is Patrick." He replied, "My name is Kirkpatrick." "Chaplain Kirkpatrick remained in the service where he served with distinction, rising to the office of Fleet Chaplain with the rank of Captain, equivalent to that of colonel in the Army."

255th Cake Eater Finds Mouse Beat Him to Box

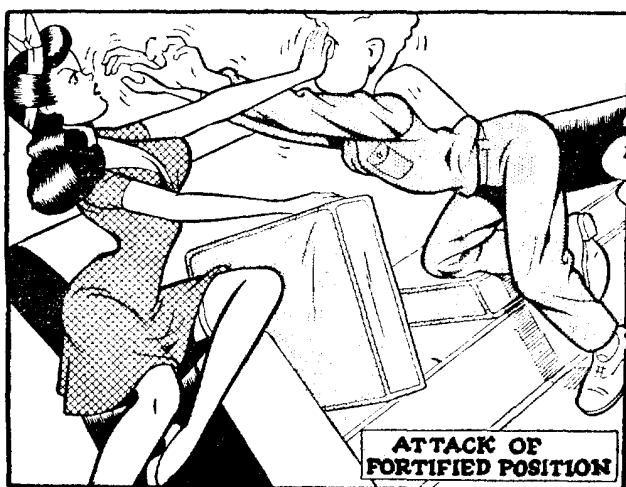
Pfc. Herman Stenberg, Cannon Co., 255th, received a nut cake from home and, after eating all he could and giving some to his buddies, he still had a sizeable portion left. He put the remainder in a box and set it on a shelf.

After supper, he took down the box to top off his meal with nut-cake dessert. Running his hand boldly into the box he felt something moving. Then it crawled on his wrist and started racing up his arm. A mouse! Stenberg yelled so loud the mouse nearly died of heart failure.

BERNIE BLOOD

Visual Aids

By GILL FOX



DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

254th Inf.—In addition to his military duties at the regimental motor pool, Lt. Wadsworth Winslow has found time to help win the victory on the home front. His home in Baton Rouge is surrounded by a truck garden large enough to feed ten families. The secret of his success lies in many hours of spadework during the week-ends and spare evenings . . . Capt. Frank Pointek, Co. H commander, had a narrow escape while returning from leave when a lumber truck collided with his car . . . Capt. Thomas Edward, Co. M, is the father of a new seven-pound baby girl.

862d F. A.—Promotions this week included those of Robert E. Haughey, Hq. Btry., to staff sergeant, and James R. Highsmith and Anthony W. Santora, both of the Med. Det., to T/4 and corporal, respectively.

255th Inf.—T/5 Billy Schadler and Cpl. Jack Kress were the butts of the practical jokers of Hq. Co., 3d Bn., the other night. Schaidler nearly broke his back trying to lift a pair of shoes someone had nailed to the floor, and Kress thought he would have to sleep on the floor until he discovered his bunk hanging from the rafters . . . 1st Sgt. Gilbert G. O'Brien, Co. M, probably will carry a flashlight to the Natchez golf course. He plays well into the dusk, and last week he shot 34—par for the first nine—on the first hole alone . . . S/Sgt. Kenneth J. Coulter, Co. K, is celebrating the birth of a daughter in Liberty, Miss. Other new fathers are S/Sgt. John Tantimonaco, Co. E, whose nine-pound daughter was born in New York city, and S/Sgt. Robert L. Yarbrough, whose eight-pound son, Robert David, was born in Truxno, La. . . The recently opened bowling alleys are more dangerous than combat training, thinks S/Sgt. Hugh V. Ferguson, Hq. Co., 2d Bn. He came through training all right, but broke a finger while bowling . . . The Latin tone was given a recent party of Hq. Co., 3d Bn., when Lt. Michael Esquivel and Pvt. Edmundo Lopez gave a terrific exhibition of the rumba. . . Phoney rumors reach far and wide. T/5 Charles Wagner, Co. I, invited his wife to visit him here, but got a letter saying, "I went down to the Pennsylvania Station in Newark to buy a ticket, but the agent said: 'Lady, you don't want to go down there. Camp Van Dorn is going to close up in two weeks!'"

863d F. A.—Recent promotions in Btry. C were those of T/5s Wildrid L. Rectenwald and Earl Whipkey to T/4 and T/5 Benjamin Carb to sergeant . . . Two officers of the battalion were promoted to captain recently. They were Lt. Norman Williamson, commanding Btry. B, and Lt. Aubrey M. Garrison, Jr., battalion S-3 . . . Pfc. Melvin E. Schaffner joined the growing ranks of the benedicts recently when he married Miss Willie Ferrill of Jackson, La.

253d Inf.—Sam Hearn, the "Schlepperman" of Jack Benny's radio program, dined with men of Co. K Tuesday night. Hearn, who appeared with a USO Camp Show here, is a friend of Sgt. Milton Kadish.

Repl. Tng. Grp.—The space beside Cpl. Julian Gormley's bunk in Co. 7 barracks begins to resemble a zoo. On a night detail recently he returned with an opossum which he added to the three chameleons he had been keeping. Two cages house the creatures . . . Pvt. Magno Sapere, Co. 3, got a card from a New York city employment agency announcing he could have a "desirable position" if he could obtain a release from his present occupation . . . Lt. Jack L. Moher, formerly of the 254th Inf., is the new commanding officer of Co. 4.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—T/Sgt. John Whitfield, AG Sec., became a father April 27. His son is named George Donald, after two of Sgt. Whitfield's brothers who are serving overseas. The boy, who weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, at birth, is the Whitfields' first child.

63d QM Co.—Fifteen privates were made Pfc. this week. They are Joe Pandolfo, Raymond Beard, Jerry Benner, Raymond Ameijide, Ralph Garreth, George Caruso, Hoover Chew, Harry Burns, John Tevlin, John Mirman, Gene Bruno, James Hill, Kenneth Boyer, Tony Minervini and Gene Clifford . . . The QMs won the monthly award among units of Headquarters Special Troops, only unit to have won it more than once. The orientation officer is Lt. Sidney M. Cooley, whose assistant is Pfc. Ray Ameijide . . . While home on furlough, T/5 Donald J. McCarthy married Miss Wilma Parker of Hackensack, N. J.



The Inquiring Line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. My wife receives a Class X allotment from me every month. I'm going overseas now and wonder what will happen to her if my ship goes down and I'm reported missing in action. Will she still receive the allotment?

A. Yes. The Secretary of War has the authority to authorize the payment of an allotment from the pay of a soldier who is reported missing, missing in action, beleaguered, besieged, captured or interned whenever these payments are considered essential for the protection of the soldier's dependents.

Q. My wife gave birth to a blue-eyed baby boy the 13th of last month. Am I entitled to receive \$30 for the baby for the entire month or do I just get a part of

the \$30 in the form of an allotment?

A. Your new son will be happy to know that he gets the full \$30. No matter what date in the month a child is born on, it gets the full payment for the entire month. All the parents have to do is file a copy of the birth certificate with the ODB to start the payments rolling in.

ALWAYS COURTEOUS
NAPLES (CNS)—S/Sgt. William Franklin who was an usher in the Roxy theater, New York, in civilian life, is the tail gunner on a Marauder now, but he still has his old habits. "This way, please," he said the other day as he focused his sights on a Nazi plane. A minute later he shot the plane down.

Plane of The Week

START at No. 1, connecting all the numbers consecutively with a continuous line. Now you should be able to recognize it. Check your bulletin board and FM 30-30 for details on the Plane of the Week.

Stir Up Is Still Favorite On Kentucky Derby Day

LOUISVILLE—"Beat Stir Up" was the cry that reverberated up the main streets and down the alleyways of this Mecca of the American horse-racing world just a few hours prior to the 70th running of the Kentucky Derby.

Seldom in the storied history of this blue ribbon event of race tracks has an entry gone to the post so universally favored. There was much reason to believe this Greentree Stable thoroughbred would leave the barrier a better than even-money bet to win the \$75,000 classic.

The gelding owned by Mrs. Payne Whitney was given his final serious

workout yesterday morning and stepped off the mile of sloppy going in 1:43. The trial was such as to leave Trainer Johnny Graver and Jockey Eddie Arcaro well satisfied.

Not until noon time would it be known actually how many entries would challenge Stir Up's bid for America's most coveted racing triumph. Not more than 14 or 15 horses were expected to start. Yet, wherever two persons met, there was but one subject—the Derby.

For the second straight year this biggest of horse races was a hometown affair. The natives were making the most of it. They crowded the streets, thronged the taverns and hotel lobbies and gave every indication that upwards of 50,000 of them would be at the rambling race track on the outskirts of the city.

In addition to Stir Up, other almost sure starters were Broadcloth, Skytracer, Alorter, Autocrat, Pensive, Gramps Image, Bell Buzzer, Shut Up and Challenge Me. American Eagle, Disavowal, Rockwood Boy and Valley Flares were questionable starters.

Homer With Bases Full Helps 863d F. A. Triumph

A third-inning home run with the bases loaded by T/5 Fred Kick featured the 863d F.A.'s 18-6 victory over the Div. Arty. Med. Det. softball team last week.

Kick's prodigious wallop sparked a nine run uprising and clinched the game for the Redlegs. S/Sgt. Cocita and Pfc. Lauth set down the Medics with only three hits.

The boxscore:

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| 863d F.A. | AB | R | H | Medics | AB | R | H |
| Balbon, ss | 2 | 2 | 0 | Smith, cf | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Cocita, p | 4 | 1 | 0 | Har'gan, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| D'herly, lb | 3 | 2 | 0 | Collier, ss | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Pat'uson, 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | Stafford, sf | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Rowe, sf | 5 | 2 | 2 | DeVito, p | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| H'tower, cf | 5 | 2 | 2 | Wright, lb | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cull, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | Rudolph, 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Kick, lf | 5 | 4 | 3 | Pfiser, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Pickens, rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | Wenzel, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Finelli, c | 4 | 1 | 2 | Chen, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauth, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | Coman, 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beadle, 3b | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| Cam'no, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

Totals 43 18 15
 Score by innings:
 863d F.A. 230 011 2-18
 Med. Det. 402 000 0-6

GAMES WANTED
 Service Battery, 862d F. A. is seeking softball games with other teams in the division. Arrangements for games can be made by phoning 2150.

Mehall of Red Sox

Typical of many an athletic lad in the service of his country is Sgt. Eugene Mehall, Co. I, 253d Inf., one of the standouts of CT Red's pitching staff.

A 21-year-old resident of Detroit, Mehall was hurling for Little Rock in the Southern Association, when he entered the Army, having been placed under contract to the Boston Red Sox. In the spring and summer of 1942 he won 10 games and lost two for the class AA club.

He impressed fellow soldiers at Ft. McClellan with his hurling last season and did the same to those who watched him pitch for CT Red.



Sgt. Mehall

Track Meet Loses Stars As Swedes Forego Entry

STOCKHOLM—The international flavor to the U. S. National AAU track and field championships, June 17 and 18, at Randall's Island, N. Y., was "watered" recently when the Swedish Athletic Association announce Arne Andersen and Gunder Hagg would be unable to compete.

Reason given for the impossibility of participation by the world's foremost middle distance runners was the great length of time involved in the trip.

Football Teams Merge To Equalize Pro League

PHILADELPHIA—The National Professional Football League was split into equal five-club East and West divisions by the merger of the Chicago Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers at the recent annual meeting here.

Roger Bresnahan, Giant catcher, used shin guards in the majors for the first time in 1907.

Male Call

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

Combat Report



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to the steep sides of the river, where planks were laid so she could walk up the incline. Then she was taken to the stock yard to be slaughtered.

BISMARCK, N. D.—Pupils and the teacher at the Plum Creek school on the edge of the Badlands have refused to return to their "mystery schoolhouse" after a series of apparently supernatural happenings which have been referred to the FBI and state authorities. Most parents believe it was a startlingly successful chemical hoax which made coal jump out of its bucket, caused the dictionary to explode, the maps and textbooks to smoulder and the examination papers to burst into flame during an arithmetic test.

NEW YORK—There was a family wedding at the famous Little Church Around the Corner. The bride was Kathryn Hoffman Ray, whose father, the Rev. Randolph Ray, has been rector for 21 years. She was married to Lt. Courlandt Nicoll, AAF, at the "bride's altar," where thousands of couples have knelt.

VENTURA, Calif.—Claiming he was overcharged for 100 cups of coffee, 100 meals and 80 pieces of pie over a period of five months, R. W. Agnew filed suit against the Modern Cafe for \$14,000. His complaint asks \$50 for each time he was assertedly charged prices in excess of the OPA ceiling.

EL PASO, Tex.—Saul Kleinfeld sent his wife and two children to his wife's mother in Passaic, N. J., sold his home and furniture and gave away all but one suit of clothes. Then the Army Induction Center told him he isn't wanted now because he is over 26. His plea to be taken in anyway availed nothing, so he got his job back and set out to find a hotel room.

NEW YORK—Found guilty of using garbage in making soup, George Kniericmen, 55-year-old restaurant proprietor, was fined \$500 or 150 days and sentenced to an additional 60 days in jail. He was convicted of taking carrots, tomatoes, onions and lettuce from refuse swept up by street cleaners and using them to make soup.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (CNS)—The University of Virginia student newspaper carried these two ads, one under the other, in a recent issue: "Wanted—Dates for Easter Week. See Co-ed Editor." And—"For Sale—Six new wolf pelts."

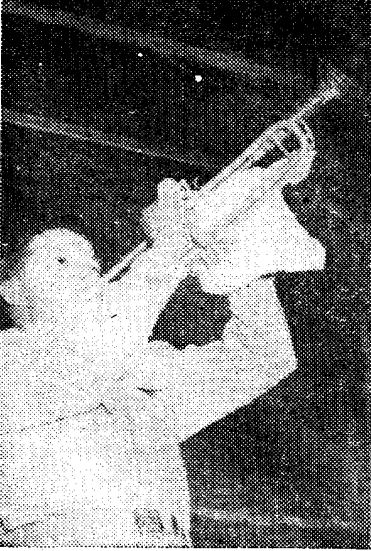
TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (CNS)—Fabian Sevitzky, director of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, was about to start a concert here when he noticed that his cellist was missing. A search disclosed that the missing musician, enroute to the concert hall, had taken a wrong turn and stepped—cello and all—into a swimming pool.

DENVER (CNS)—Cass Cassell was judged by authorities after he drove a tractor, with a plough attached, down Denver's main street, ploughing a deep furrow in the pavement and crashing into a traffic signal. Police said there was "considerable evidence" that Cassell had been drinking.

HOUSTON, Tex. (CNS)—When a couple of prisoners escaped from the city jail, the warden sent a guard and two bloodhounds after them. He hasn't seen the prisoners, the guard or the bloodhounds since.

LINCOLN, Neb. (CNS)—Mrs. Joe Reynolds didn't mind it much when her husband started spending most of his time cleaning his collection of shotguns, but when he began taking firearms to bed with him, she sued for divorce. "They scratched," she explained.

NEWBURGH, N. Y.—The 32,000 residents of Newburgh soon will be "guinea pigs" in a 10-year experiment to determine the value of sodium fluoride in preventing tooth decay. The salt will be fed into the city water supply at the rate of one part to 1,000,000 gallons of water. Dental decay is said to be remarkably low in communities which have the salt naturally present in water, but this artificial introduction will be the first such test in the world.



Battery C, 863d, Tops 63d in Tests

A commendation for leading the Division in the recent AGF physical fitness tests has been sent Btry. C, 863d F. A., by Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. commander.

Despite heavy rain, mud and slippery ground, each man in the test crawled under barbed wire, sprinted with another man on his back, performed Burpee exercises and push-ups and finished with a record four-mile speed march to make the highest score among companies and batteries of the Division.

"Your demonstrated initiative, efficiency, spirit and high degree of physical endurance were outstanding," the commendation said. "Your leadership and the esprit de corps shown by officers and enlisted men alike are worthy of emulation. You may well be proud of the record which you have attained."

The commendation has been placed in the battery's orientation center as a guide and standard for replacements entering the battery.

CT Blue Noncoms Hold Club Dance

The NCO Club of CT Blue staged one of the most successful parties since its inception when all non-coms, the wives of some, and sweethearts of the single members gathered Thursday night for dancing, entertainment, and refreshments.

Pfc. Marlin Merrill, Anti-tank Co., directed the orchestral presentation.

The club, its membership rolls at a peak, was gaily decorated for the occasion. The deft touch of Pvt. Francis (Sunny) Ludwig, former Pittsburgh nightclub star and club steward, was evident in the professional flourish he lent to the service.

Lt. Mike Naddeo, athletic and recreation officer of the CT/Blue, is custodian of the NCO Club.

Farmer Now in Navy To Get \$3,456 Yearly

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Aubrey L. Rye, 36-year-old Crawford County farmer, and his family will have an annual income of \$3,456 now that he is in the Navy. Rye is the father of 10. Mrs. Rye will receive an allotment of \$50 a month, their first child \$30 and the other nine \$20 each. In addition Rye will have a \$28 monthly balance on his base pay after dependency allotments.

"MISSISSIPPI MINSTRELS," sponsored by Division Special Services concluded a two-weeks' run of Rec. Halls when it played at the CT Blue and CT White halls Thursday night and last night. Top photo shows the entire company. Left to right: Sgt. Mickey Johnson, Co. F, 253d Inf. end man; Pvt. Sam Savar, Co. C, 255th Inf.; Cpl. John Graves, Btry. C, 861st F. A., Pfc. John Vanderhoof, Btry B, 861st F. A. Pvt. Donald McDonald Btry. B, 861st F. A., Pvt. Sidney Kieselstein, Service Co., 254th Inf., T/5 Leslie Heath CT White Special Services, interlocutor; Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, Co. H., 254th Inf. Pvt. Mark Wheeler, 7th Co., RTG; Pfc. Marlin Merrill, AT, 255th Inf.; Pvt. Al Lewin, Hq., 1st Bn., 254th Inf., Sgt. Dan Goldstein, Div. Hq., T/5 Raymond Wachter, Service Co. 255th Inf. and T/5 Fredd Wiener, CT Red Special Services, end man. Sgt. Johnson (left) and T/5 Wiener do a comic skit in lower right hand photo, while on left WOJG Harold E. Polakoff, director of Division White band gets off a couple of hot licks on the trumpet.

Dangerous Snakes in Area Are Rare, Expert Declares

(Continued From Page 3) to South America, says vipers can be identified by their "pits" which nature has placed between their eyes and nostrils. The natives of South America call snakes of this species "Four Nostrils" and this peculiarity is an excellent method of determining whether a snake is deadly.

The function of the pits was not known until 1938 when the noted experimental biologist, Dr. Kingsley Noble, discovered they contain extremely delicate nerve endings which are sensitive to heat waves. Experiment proved that pit vipers can orient the position of a warm-blooded animal through this sense even though all others have been destroyed, explaining why a blind rattler can strike accurately. It probably also explains why rattlers so often will seek the warmth of the body of a person sleeping on the ground.

Complementing Sgt. Gilliard's knowledge of snakes is the work of Sgt. Daniel H. Ford, attached to the 255th Inf., Med. Det., who was majoring in biology at Wesleyan University prior to his induction. Strongly supporting Gilliard's advice that members of the Division familiarize themselves with the prescribed methods for treating a snake bite in the field, Sgt. Ford points out that the size, time since feeding, condition of fangs, size of the victim and depth of penetration are important factors

in determining the seriousness of a snake bite.

Two Fang Marks Visible
The bite of a poisonous snake differs from that of the non-poisonous species, the sharp fangs of the former leaving two marks while the harmless variety creates a small circle of tiny teeth prints.

In the case of a poisonous bite, Sgt. Ford advises it is of primary importance that the patient lie down and be absolutely still. Secondly, a tourniquet should be applied between the wound and the heart, just tight enough to stop the flow of blood through the veins. Then, with a sterilized knife or razor blade, after sterilizing the area of the wound, make a cut about a quarter of an inch deep in the form of the letter H directly through the wound and joining the two fang marks. Let the blood flow for about 20 minutes and then bandage and treat as an ordinary wound.

At the first opportunity, the services of a medical officer should be sought or the victim moved to an aid station or hospital.

BABY BORN TO MRS. BROOKS
A son, David Linton Brooks, was born recently to Mrs. John E. Brooks, Jr., at Natchez Sanitarium. Mrs. Brooks is the wife of Lt. Col. Brooks, 63d Div. Asst. Chief of Staff, G-1. The baby, their second child, weighed 7 lbs.

23 Sergeants Cited For Efficient Work In Two Regiments

Efficiency of 23 supply and mess sergeants, 11 in the 253d, and 12 in the 254th Inf., was commended by Maj Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, this week, in a personal letter to each of the non-commissioned officers.

The recipients of the commendations are S/Sgts. Calvin F. Fisher, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., Harold E. Carlton, Co. I, Bland H. Briggs, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Francis Ambirg, Cannon Co., Gordon G. Blake, Co. M, Merlin L. Kozlik, Anti-Tank Co., John C. Deibert Co. A., James J. Garlick, Co. F., Meyer Kaplan, Med. Det., Walter P. Kenney, Co. G., and Guido Introni, Co. L., all of the 253d Inf.

Those honored in the 254th Inf. were S/Sgts. Alfred L. Slessinger, Cannon Co., Henry J. Petrowski, Co. G., Elmer J. Strothkamp, Co. A., Kendall W. Sagendorf, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Albert Octavia, Co. B., Gerald E. Wesley, Cannon Co., Samuel E. Malone, Co. L.; Sgts. Anthony Accardi, Co. L., and Jerrold M. Rosenberg, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; T/4s Rudolph C. Stankovic, Med. Det., and Joseph Kuscher, Co. A.; T/5 Max M. Schiering, Co. C. Schiering's commendation also included notice of his skill as an armorer.

Augmenting the congratulations of the Division Commander were those of Col. Edward P. Lukert, 253d regimental commander and Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254th regimental commander.

The General, who inspected the regiments two weeks ago, declared: "Such an orderly arrangement of supplies is evidence of application to duty and efficient operation."

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday
Chapel 6, 7, 8 and 10, 0900.
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion, 1000.
Chapels 5, 6, 8 and 10, 1000.
Chapel 5, Episcopal Holy Communion, 1100.
Chapel 7, 1100.
Chapel 8, 1100 (Lutheran).
Sunday Afternoon and Weekday
Chapel 6, Concert Hour, 1530 Sunday.
Co. B Day Room, 263d Engr., Sunday evening worship.
Chapel 5, 1900 Thursday, prayer meeting and Bible study group.
Chapel 7, choir rehearsal.
Chapel 8, 1930 Thursday, prayer meeting.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses
Chapels 5 and 10, 0800.
Theater 5, 0900.
CT Blue Rec. Hall, 0930.
Theater 1, 1030.
Chapel 10, 1100.
Weekday Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, 1830, Novena, Miraculous Medal.
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
Chapel 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1700.
Chapel 10, Tuesday, 1930, 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, 1100.
MORMON SERVICES
Chapel 8, Sunday, 1400.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel 1, Sunday, 1100.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday, 1930.

Signalman Sallis Heard Over Radio at Natchez

Pfc. Charles Sallis of the 563d Signal Co., was one of three singers who were heard over Station WMIS from the Servicemen's Center in Natchez Sunday afternoon. Sallis sang "Sympathy" and "Duna."

Featured on the program was Mrs. Albert Singer, of Cleveland, former concert singer who appeared in several productions by the late Oscar Hammerstein and by Samuel Schubert. Mrs. Singer, who is visiting in Natchez, sang "The Desert Song" and "One Alone." Mrs. Martin Valentine, of Baton Rouge, well known in the South as a violinist, played "Come Back to Sorrento."

Others on the program was Pvt. Charles Casella of the 135th Engr. Bn., who sang "Besame Mucho," and "Paper Doll," and Radioman James Day of Natchez, who acted as announcer. Miss Natalie Luscombe, of the staff of the Servicemen's Center, was the accompanist.