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14 States Permit Soldiers to Vote At Primary Polls

Nineteen states in the nation will hold primaries in late July and August.

These states are Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi (second primary), Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina (first primary), Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Five of these states make no provisions for soldier voting in the primaries. In the other 14 the WD post card (WD AGO Form 560) may be used either as an application for a ballot or a request for the special application form furnished by the states. The new War Ballot Commission postcard forms (WD Circular 128, Par. 1, Sec. XI) probably won't be ready for distribution in time for these primaries.

If servicemen are unable to get any postcard form, they may apply by letter, using the text that will be on the new cards as it is given in Circular 128. These applications should bear the distinctive markings and the appropriate air mail marking as described in WD Circular 155, Section I.

Servicemen are urged to remember to put their applications on applications for state absentee ballots. Names and serial number should be printed on the WD postcard or the letter sent in its place.

Some states require voters to take additional steps in order to qualify to vote in the primary. Anyone uncertain about his eligibility should write to the secretary of state of his home state giving the date of his birth, the number of years he has lived in the state, and his voting district (to the best of his knowledge).

Cast of 'Robin Hood' Entertained at Party

The cast of "Robin Hood" was entertained at an informal party and dance Saturday night at the CT Red Rec. Hall following the evening performance of the production. Division Special Services sponsored the affair with the cooperation of Lt. Thomas Alexander, CT Red Special Service officer, and his assistant T/5 Fred Wiener.

Dancing was held to the music of a juke box and refreshments were supplied by Service Club Number Two.



LT. COL. JAMES H. LIGHTFOOT



COL. JOSEPH H. WARREN

Two Leaders of CT White Advanced to Higher Rank

Two promotions of importance among officers of the Division became effective this week when Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding officer of the 254th Inf. Regt. became a full colonel, and Maj. James H. Lightfoot, commanding the 862d F. A. Bn., was advanced to Lt. Colonel. Both officers are in Combat Team White.

Col. Warren, who has been in command of the 254th Inf. since 1st December, has a background of 25 years in the United States Army. He is a graduate of West Point, Class of 1916.

The Colonel was stationed for a while in the Philippines with the 57th Inf., then commanded by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In 1928 he returned to the States to attend the Signal School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Later he commanded Hq. Co., 16th Inf. at Governors Island, in New York harbor, and he also served in Panama. He was with the 13th Inf. at Newport, R. I., when war broke out in Europe in 1939 and was sent to Ft. Benning as an instructor. He remained at Ft. Benning until 1942 and joined the 63d on its activation.

Col. Warren was executive officer of the 254th until September 1943 when he was assigned for a short while to the 255th Inf. He lives with his wife at Woodville. One of his children, Joseph H., Jr., is a cadet at West Point, while his daughter Helen is a student at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va.

Lt. Col. Lightfoot has been in command of the 862d since December 16, 1943. He was formerly S-3 for the 718th F. A.

Born in Rockdale, Texas, the 23-year-old Lt. Col. attended Texas A. & M., graduating in 1933 with a BS degree in chemical engineering. In his senior year he was a cadet major, a battalion commander in the student cadet corps. He then went to the University of Texas for graduate work and earned his master's degree.

The Lt. Col. was a production research engineer with the Hum- (Continued on Page 3)

63d Staff Officers Receive Promotions

Two additional promotions of officers in the 63d were announced this week. Major Glenn Y. Williamson, Division Chemical Warfare Officer, was advanced to Lt. Colonel and Major Charles W. Gibbs, Division Signal Officer, was also named Lt. Colonel.

Lt. Col. Williamson is a product of the first unit of the ROTC and served with that outfit in the infantry from 1918 to 1923. He joined the National Guard shortly after its reorganization in 1921 and remained a member of the Guard until 1932.

Because of the need for field artillery officers in chemical warfare, Lt. Col. Williamson was assigned to the Chemical Warfare unit when he returned to the Army (Continued on Page 3)

Dance at Natchez To Aid Russians

When the Military Maids of Natchez, Ferriday, Vidalia, and Fayette play hosts tonight to visiting servicemen from the 63d Division at an informal dance at the Municipal Auditorium, each girl will have as her price of admission an article of wearing apparel suitable to be sent to Russia. The Maids are answering the appeal made for clothing for Russians made destitute by the Nazi invasion.

The combination orchestra made up of musicians from the 253d, 254th and 255th Inf. Regiments, which made its debut at last week's formal dance at the Auditorium, will play a return engagement tonight. The dance this evening is scheduled to start at 2030.

Tomorrow afternoon the weekly broadcast over WMIS from the Servicemen's Center will have a Mother's Day theme. The high school band of Fayette will highlight the program. Following the broadcast refreshments will be served by Natchez mothers who have men in the armed service.

Tropicals' Forbidden

The wearing of tropical worsted uniforms is specifically forbidden to enlisted men of the 63d Div.

Division Daily Bulletin No. 110, published Wednesday, called attention to the wearing of the proper uniform and said: "No uniform, or parts thereof, other than that of type issued to enlisted personnel will be worn."

The bulletin specifically mentioned tropical worsted as "not an item of issue."

'Submerged' Title Of Division Play

Prompt response on the part of soldiers having acting ability to an appeal for talent made by Division Special Services through BLOOD AND FIRE, has resulted in the picking of a cast for "Submerged" a one-act play to be presented through the Special Services Office. The play will tour the 63d Rec. Halls.

"Submerged" is the story of six men who are trapped below the surface of the ocean in a submarine for three days. Their emotions and reactions are graphically portrayed in the one-act drama.

The cast as it has been chosen is composed of Cpl. Richard Garatano, Co. I, 253d Inf., who plays the part of Jorgson. Pvt. Maurice D. Portman, Co. G, 253d, who will take the part of Shaw. Pfc. Robert M. Andrew, Co. A, 253d Inf., who has the part of Dunn. Cpl. Irving Hopkins, Service Co., 253d Inf., who portrays the commander. Pvt. James E. Crow, Co. I, 253d Inf., who will enact the role of Nabbs, and Pvt. Constantino DePalmo, Co. I, 254th, and Pvt. Ralph E. Althaus, Co. I, 253d, Inf., who will alternate in the role of Brice.

Special Services is taking talent from among the units of the 63d rather than using the talent available among the personnel already attached to the Division and Combat Teams' special service offices.

Dance at Centreville

The 255th Inf. Regt. dance orchestra will play for a dance at the USO in Centreville tonight.

The musical organization is directed by T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn, of Serv. Co.

Beauty Vies With Music For Favor In 'Robin Hood'

By Pfc. George Spelvin

The problem of giving adequate review to last week's presentation of "Robin Hood" by the Louisiana State University opera company is complicated by at least five facts:

1. In the shimmering heat of this desert, a few drops of culture fall like a sudden spring rain and are as gratefully received by the GIs. Everybody, your reviewer included, liked the show; ergo, what use to attempt a critique?

2. By the time the gentle reader gets around to this article, "Robin Hood" will have come and gone eight days ago. It is old news. Those who saw the show already know how good it was, and the others never can know what they missed.

3. This publication generally confines itself to news of the sterner arts. It never has published a "dramatic criticism" before. Its writers know much more about the MI rifle and the Giants' batting average than they do about grease paint and arpeggios.

Beautiful Girls

4. Like most of his betters among the critics, your reviewer knew the music of "Robin Hood"

Work of 63d Units Lauded By Gen. Hibbs

255th Inf., and 863d F. A.
Singled Out for Praise
After Battle Exercises

Comments were heaped on elements of the 63d Inf. Div. by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Div. Cmdr., for the excellence of their work in battle exercises conducted during the week of May 1-6.

Units and individuals alike received the General's praise. The 255th Inf. Regt. and the 863d F. A. Bn., were singled out for the spirited and professional competence with which they achieved co-ordinated team work. Pfc. Hugh Wyn Griffith, of the 563d Sig. Co., was mentioned for his fine work in handling the very vital communication and public address system.

Gen. Hibbs addressed the following compliment to both Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer of the 255th Inf., and Lt. Col. Albert S. Britt, commanding the 863d F. A., and through them, to the officers and enlisted men of their respective units who participated in the exercise:

"This training exercise was outstanding in its execution. The graphic representation to the spectators, most of whom are in the early stages of infantry training, of the co-ordinated infantry-artillery team work necessary in order to close successfully with the enemy, is to me the single most important item of training which these troops will ever receive.

"The spirit and professional confidence displayed by all concerned forecasts a similar outstanding execution of your units' future combat missions."

The following officers and enlisted men were selected for special mention because they contributed outstandingly to the success (Continued on Page 3)

Honor the Spirit of Mother's Day, Gen. Hibbs Tells Men of Division

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

The mothers of America are not standing and waiting these days. To the war plant, to civilian defense, to the Red Cross, to the community at large, to the complex problem of holding the home together, they are giving great-heartedly of their time and energy.

Nevertheless, it is far more difficult to be left behind than to go to war. It is heartrending to give so much to the nation and yet give so little to one's son but cheer and the high example of courage.

In this respect the mothers of America are just as heroic as any man in the service. Tomorrow is the day annually set aside in their honor, a day for trying to tell our mothers all the things we think every day of the year, but which we find it difficult to put into words.

The part that spiritual background plays in developing morale is beautifully shown in the letter of a British mother to her son, which is published in the "Sky Pilot" column in this issue of BLOOD AND FIRE. I commend it to your attention. I recommend that all personnel of this Division pay tribute to the spirit of Mother's Day by attending religious services of their preference. I urge you again to be sure to write home, not only on Mother's Day, but as often as possible.

LOUIS E. HIBBS,
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

Disregarding these complications, however, suffice it to say that the two audiences which filled Theater No. 1 last Saturday received the (Continued on Page 3)

KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

The General Staff Co-ordinates Manpower, Training and Supply

(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 do. Today's article deals with the General Staff and its functions.)

The Chief of Staff and the four G's—(G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4) compose the "Board of Directors" of the 63d Inf. Div. Upon their shoulders rests the job of getting things running smoothly and keeping them that way.

Their's is the job of securing and furnishing such information as may be required by the Division Commander. They translate his decisions and plans into orders and cause such orders to be transmitted to the troops.

The "Chairman of the Board" is the Chief of Staff, Col. Earle G. Wheeler. He is the connecting link between the Division Commander and the General Staff, directing and coordinating the work of the four G's.

The office of G-1 (under Lt. Col. John E. Brooks, Jr.) is charged with the formulation of policies and the co-ordination and supervision of the execution of administrative arrangements pertaining to personnel as individuals. Also, it deals with civilians and prisoners of war who may come under the control of the Division.

Specific duties include the planning for and supervision of activities concerning:

1. Procurement, classification, reclassification, assignment, pay, promotion, transfer, retirement and discharge of all personnel.

2. Replacement of personnel.

3. Decorations, citations, honors and awards.

4. Leave of absence and furloughs.

5. Overall administration, especially concerning individuals.

A multitude of other responsibilities falls to this vital section, and, co-ordination with other General and Special Staff officers is required of the G-1 to properly carry out these functions in operations.

G-2 (under Lt. Col. John M. Hardaway) is responsible for the collection and distribution of military intelligence to the Division Commander, interested Staff sections, and when appropriate, to higher, subordinate and neighboring units.

Information—some true, some false, some unimportant and irrelevant—is continually pouring in from a number of sources. All this must be collected, evaluated and interpreted.

The G-2 keeps an enemy situation map and holds itself ready at all times to present to the Division Commander estimates of the enemy's situation and capabilities. Information about the enemy, weather, terrain under hostile control and similar factors are distributed to the units with the Division in the form of Intelligence Annexes and Periodic Reports.

In garrison, G-2 is charged with the planning and supervision of combat intelligence training within the Division. In this he works closely with—

G-3 (under Lt. Col. Morris O. Edwards) which is charged with functions relating to organization, training and combat operations. In garrison it prepares the plans for training and supervises their execution. The section organizes and conducts schools for the military education of the personnel of the Division.

It selects training sites and al-

locates the use of these areas to the units, co-ordinating their use with other organizations on the post. In combat the section makes a continuous study of the tactical situation, prepares plans relative to proposed operations and upon direction of the Commanding General, issues orders which initiate the execution of the plans.

The section also maintains liaison

with adjacent and higher headquarters and makes recommendations to the Division Commander relative to the assignment of personnel and equipment in order to effect its most advantageous tactical use.

G-4 (under Lt. Col. Frank T. Ritter) is like others, basically a co-ordinating and not an operating agency. Division policies affecting supply and evacuation are recommended by the G-4 in close co-ordination with no less than eight special staff sections—QM, Ord., Engr., Med., Sig., Air, Chem., and PM.

The section doesn't limit itself solely to supply. Transportation is one of its more troublesome problems. Traffic control, evacuation of wounded, and construction all fall to Lt. Col. Ritter and the men in his office. Sites for rear echelon and supply depots are selected by G-4.

It determines which units are to have priority on available material and supplies and makes readjustments to meet changing requirements. Administrative orders giving the supply setup are published by this office.

It reports the state of equipment to AFG Hq. each month, and when called upon, must advise the Commanding General as to the status of supply, transportation and evacuation.

Cpl. Frank Sinatra, a cousin of the famous swoon-crooner, says he is having his troubles. "Since that other Sinatra became famous," he reports, "it's especially tough when a hard-bodied sergeant asks your name. It takes a brave man to answer 'Frank Sinatra'."

More than 20 quarts of culture fluids are required to yield one gram (.033) of an ounce of penicillin.



Activity within the 63d Division gets its momentum from the General Staff at Div. Hq. whose chief and assistants act in an advisory capacity to the Commanding General and communicate his plans and policies to the various Blood and Fire units. Enlisted Men of the four Gs are pictured above at their respective assignments. At lower right, T/5 Arnold Wyllins and T/4 Owen Duff pursue their clerical duties in G-1, whose function includes the classification, assignment and promotion of personnel. At lower left, M/Sgt. Jack McAvoy calls the attention of T/5 George R. Hook to a detail on an aerial photo obtained by G-2, or Intelligence. Here the collection, evaluation and dissemination of information is of primary importance. M/Sgts. Thomas Floyd and Louis Beaumont plot an artillery target area in the office of G-3 (top left) where plans and training are the topic of each day's work, and, at the right, S/Sgt. Thomas Aloysius Gallagher works at one of the charts through which medium G-4 plots the supply, and transportation problems of this co-ordinating agency.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Three Chaplains Added to Division

Three new chaplains have joined the 63d Div. it was announced today by Division Chaplain William E. Patrick. All three are first lieutenants and all three are fresh from the Chaplain's School at Harvard University.

The three are, Chaplain George W. Almond, a Presbyterian, who is attached to the 253d Inf., Chaplain John F. Sheehan, a Catholic, who is assigned to the 253d Inf., and Chaplain Grant E. Mann of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, who is with Division Artillery.

Feeding One Soldier Costs 59 Cents Daily

NEW YORK (CNS)—It now costs 59 cents a day to feed a soldier, the WD has disclosed. To maintain a soldier for a full year the Quartermaster Corps now spends \$215.35 for food, \$173.70 for clothing, \$44.70 for individual equipment and \$31.31 for barracks equipment.

NO BASKET CASES

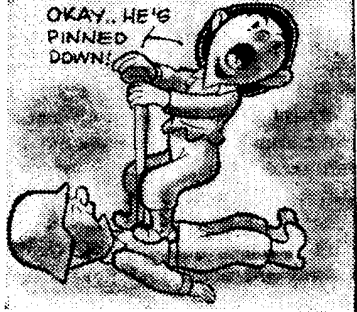
Speaking of hospitals, Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Army's Surgeon General, says there is nothing to the rumors of so-called "basket-cases"—cases of veterans with both arms and legs amputated. The total number of amputation cases returned to Zone of Interior hospitals so far include twelve hundred major amputations, of which fifty-eight are of two limbs. None of them are of three or four limbs.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
 Sunday
 Chapel 7—Episcopal Holy Communion Service, 0830.
 Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
 Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
 Chapel 5—Episcopal Holy Communion Service—1100.
 Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—1100.
 Five Points Rec. Hall—1115.
 Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
 Chapel 6—Concert Hour, 1530, Sunday.
 Chapel 6—Lutheran Service, 1900, Sunday.
 Co. B. Day Room, 363d Med. Bn.—1815, Sunday.
 Chapel 5—1900, Thursday, prayer meeting and Bible study.
Group
 Chapel 5—2000, Thursday, Choir Rehearsal.
 Chapel 7—1930, Thursday, Choir Rehearsal.
 Chapel 5—1930, Thursday, Evening Prayer Meeting.
ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
 Sunday Masses
 Chapels 5, 10—0800.
 Theater 5—0900.
 Chapel 7—1000.
 Theater 1—1030.
 CT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
 Week Day Masses
 Chapel 5—Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
 Chapel 7—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1700.
 Chapel 10—Tuesday 1930, Novena and benediction.
 Chapel 5—Wednesday, 1830, Novena Miraculous Medal.
ASCENSION THURSDAY
 (Holy Day for All Roman Catholics)
 Chapel 5—1215.
 Chapel 7—1215.
 Chapel 6—1830.
 Chapel 7—1830.
 Chapel 10—1930.
Confessions
 Chapels 5, 7—Saturday, 1830 to 2000.
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.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I am going to spend my space this week in discussing that Platoon in Attack battle exercise I saw last Saturday and in doing honor to the people who took part in it. This includes the machine gunners, mortar men and cannoners, as well as the riflemen, for, after all, they are the ones who make assaults possible. In football it's the backfield man who gets away because the line is doing its stuff. In combat it's the rifleman who gets up there in an assaulting position because the enemy has been softened up and pinned down by those sup-



porting folks I have just mentioned.

Before I go any further I want to confess that I am one of those old codgers who has been through 29 odd years of piping times of peace combat firing practice and before joining this outfit was accustomed to seeing soldiers so surrounded by safety rules when they fired that they might as well have been home in bed as far as any danger was concerned. As a matter of fact, the nearest I ever came to being court-martialed was once when I started the outfit firing out on the rifle range without an ambulance being present and

you know how much danger there is of being shot on a well-conducted firing line.

Looking back, I realize that there was no part of the firing in those days which really prepared a man for combat. The old idea was to get it over with without anybody getting hurt. They made everybody get on a line as straight as a string before they were even allowed to load and even the thought of anybody moving forward while those in the rear fired was enough to give the officer in charge nervous prostration. It just wasn't done.

No one seemed to realize that the only way to get men accustomed to the crack of bullets and to secure that teamwork and confidence in your buddy which saves many a life in combat was to practice it ahead of time and take a chance on nicking someone now and then.

But to get back to that demonstration. Old 'T' Blue certainly did its stuff and that rifle platoon was the kind any infantry lieutenant dreams about commanding. They did everything right including those little things which become big ones in combat. But that final assault was the real payoff. I could hardly believe my eyes when those two squads came tearing across the enemy position led by tracer rifle and machine gun bullets and by the commanding general himself!



It must have given that outfit a fine thrill to have him up there with them and also a damned good idea as to the amount of trust and confidence he places in them. I know that we folks up in the stands got a hell of a big bang out of it. That whole show should give you new men a good tip as to the kind of training you are going to get in the 63d.

McComb Is Host At Dance Tonight

The 253d Inf. Regt.'s 14-piece orchestra under the leadership of Cpl. Ralph Cersano, former band leader at the Stork Club in New York, will feature a series of new arrangements when it plays at a dance in the McComb Servicemen's Center, at 2000 tonight.

Spotlighted during the program, arrangements for which were made by Mrs. Mary Loche, director of the Center, will be a rhythm section composed of Cpl. John Abate, electric guitarist, formerly with Harry James; Pvt. Ed Lozak, a pianist who played with Ray Heatherton; Cpl. Bob Crook, drummer with Joe Venuti, and Cpl. Martin Schopp, a bass fiddle player who has appeared in Gene Autry pictures.

Invaders of Marshalls Were Trained on Lakes

CHICAGO—Eighty per cent of the aircraft carrier pilots participating in the Marshall Islands invasion were graduated from training on two converted Great Lakes passenger steamers at Glenview, Ill. Lt. Comdr. J. P. Preston, skipper of the Glenview Carrier Qualification Training Unit, has estimated.

Otherwise fully trained Navy and Marine fliers get actual experience in landing and takeoff technique on the training carriers Wolverine and Sable, the only sidewheel carriers in the world. Several thousand pilots have qualified since the Wolverine, the former steamer Greater Buffalo, was commissioned in August, 1912.

Normally a pilot qualified here is sent to a squadron being formed on the West or East coasts. When replacement demand was urgent however, more than one pilot went from Glenview to bombing the Japanese in a matter of days.



—Chicago Tribune Photo.
FOUR GENERATIONS were present at the recent christening of Richard J. Milne, Jr., son of Pvt. Richard J. Milne, Btry. B, 718th F. A. The boy, who is 5 months old, was christened in Chicago while the soldier-father was on furlough. It was the first time Milne, who entered the Army last September, had seen his son and namesake. The family was represented by Great-Grandfather John Milne, Sr., 89 years old (shown in the picture demonstrating the art of diaper folding to his grandson); Grandfather John Milne, Jr., 59, a Chicago policeman, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Gurke, mother of Mrs. Josephine Milne, the soldier's wife.

Division Commander Amazes GIs By Leading Platoon in Attack

Thursday morning's running of the "Rifle platoon in attack" exercise provided the spectators with an incident not present in the other four runnings of this spectacular battle training.

The artillery and mortar fire lifted from the final objective to ranges just beyond the enemy. The assaulting platoon came charging into the flank of the enemy position and across it, protected by a hail of machine gun and rifle fire sweeping the ground ahead of it. The platoon leader in charge was a new one!

The thousands of observers' mouths dropped open, eyes bulged in surprise—the leader was Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander.

Questioned, Gen. Hibbs said, "I don't ask my men to do things I, or any of my officers, don't stand ready to do also! Besides, it was not only fun but a privilege to have the opportunity to work with a platoon."

New Citizen Looks to Day Of Vengeance on Germans

Hollywood writers would find the last few years of Pvt. John G. Pribram's life material for an enthralling scenario.

In the days since the German rape of Czechoslovakia, this 20-year-old member of the 254th Med. Det. has been forced to run the gamut of human emotions, plumbing the depths of sorrow with the death of his parents during the Nazi invasion of Belgium and then soaring to the heights of hope and happiness last week with his naturalization as a citizen of the United States.

This youthful victim of Nazi

cruelty and aggression traveled a bitter road from his native Prague through Belgium, France and Spain. He recalls the days when the enemy was only 24 hours behind him. Now he awaits the day when the direction of march will be reversed.

Pribram's migration started when the Germans took over Czechoslovakia. His family "visited" Belgium, where John was enrolled in high school. When Hitler's horde continued on into Poland, the father decided it would be advisable to stay on in Belgium.

Then came the invasion of the Low Countries and the young Czech bicycled 600 miles into France. It was a memorable trip, marked by the bombing of innocent civilians, days without food and fitful catnaps in roadside ditches.

Pribram spent a short session in a refuge close by Marseille where problems of food and sanitation lent themselves to a high death rate. He was rescued from that plight by a French family which enrolled him once more in high school.

After eight months of vainly seeking a visa to the United States, he made his way across the Spanish border, was robbed of his last remaining funds but finally reached the coast.

The trip to these shores was no less hectic than his travels across Europe. The freighter on which he obtained passage carried 1,100 others. For five weeks they slept in lifeboats, nursed the sick and buried the dead at sea.

Finally, Pribram reached New York and the first secure haven he had known for years. His brother, who had preceded him to this country by six years and is now at Camp Ritchie, Md., greeted him at the pier. John resumed his education at the American University in Washington and was majoring in chemistry in Ohio when he was inducted last January.

Personal Affairs Unit Established in Camp

A Personal Affairs Branch has been established at the Camp to carry out policies of the War Department in providing information, advice and assistance on personal matters to Army personnel, their dependents, discharged military personnel and their dependents and the families of deceased members of the Army.

The Personal Affairs Branch is concerned solely with dispensing information aimed at a solution through proper channels, of problems pertaining to emergency financial aid, allowances, arrears in pay, War Bonds, gratuity pay, insurance, pensions, legal assistance, employment, vocational rehabilitation, hospitalization, housing facilities and personal effects.

10 MILLION IN SERVICE

WASHINGTON—The total armed strength of the United States is now 10,900,000 according to the Office of War Information. Of this number 7,700,000 are in the Army and 3,200,000 in the Navy, with the Navy to reach its peak strength of 3,600,000 by September 1.

Ceremonies Honor Orientation Victors

Enlisted men of Co. B, 253d Inf., who aided in preparing the display which won the Division Orientation award for the month of April, were honored by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander and director of orientation for the 63d, at a retreat parade held Tuesday.

Pfc. Joseph L. Grucci, representing Co. B, 253d Inf., received the Division award from the hands of Gen. Harris. Among the marchers were the ten enlisted men who had assisted Grucci in creating the prize winning display, namely, Sgt. R. Smythe, Sgt. John Korzybski, Sgt. A. Miller, Cpl. Robert Lard, Cpl. Dorris Jackson, Cpl. Fred Addis, Cpl. Paul Wiley, Pfc. Thomas Michael, Pvt. Victor Cowdell and Pvt. Larry Saliba.

Capt. Walter M. Lee, Regt. Adj. read the orders of the day in which Gen. Harris commended Col. Edward P. Lakoff, Regt. Comdr., and elements of the regiment for the excellence of their program.

The 63d Div. band provided the martial music for the occasion.

Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., for the second time in recent months received the Div. Arty. award, with Brig. Gen. Frederick McGaw making the presentation to Pvt. Howard Van Dyck at Monday's retreat formation.

Receiving the General's commendation for the excellence of their work were Capt. Edward W. King, Btry., Comdr. Lt. Harry R. Heck, orientation officer, and T/5 William H. Blackmore.

Runners-up for the Div. Arty. award were Serv. Btry. 861st F. A. and Serv. Btry., 718th F. A.

Panama Cpl. Champ Of Camp Stewart Liars

At a regular meeting of the Camp Stewart Liars' Club a sergeant started off the evening by asserting "these Georgia mosquitoes are so big that when two of them flew up to an airfield in Ohio a mechanic had them half-filled up with gasoline before he realized that they weren't B-19s." A corporal from Panama instantly replied that the Canal Zone mosquitoes are so fussy that they turn over your dogtag to see what blood type you are. The Liars' Club tales waxed more fanciful, but first prize went, by general consent, to a private who remarked—after listening to all the stories—"I believe everything I've heard tonight."

The eastern band of Cherokees now living on Qualla reservation in North Carolina retained their land through the sacrifice of Old Easti, who gave himself up to die so that other fugitives of the tribe would escape deportation to the West.

Natchez Premier For 'Oh My Back'

The opening performance of "Oh My Back," an all soldier show produced by T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joe Dolin, CT White Special Service Office, is scheduled for the Servicemen's Center, Natchez, Miss., May 24. It will be repeated in camp at CT White Rec. Hall, Monday, May 29, at 2000.

"Oh My Back" is the story of an extremely hypothetical Air Force soldier who tries to enter the Infantry.

Members of the WAC Detachment will assist in the production, while T/5 Mordecai Bauman, and T/5 Daniel Y. Mendelsohn, both of the 255th Inf., are arranging a special score for the show.

Star of the show, which features re-written sketches from old-time burlesque, will be "Striptease," Peaches La Trine, a recent discovery, who will do a "Shedding for Stardom" specialty.

Radio 'Hams' Display Skill in Armed Forces

CHICAGO—The American Radio Relay League announces that more than 25,000 radio "hams" whose amateur radio operations were suspended with the advent of war are now serving in the armed forces as radio operators and technicians for the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Blinded Radio Operator Hero in Fortress Crash

ENGLAND (CNS)—Blinded in both eyes by splintered glass and shell fragments, T/Sgt. Forrest L. Voster, Livonia, N. Y., radio operator of a crippled Flying Fortress, asked his top turret gunner to throw him out of the plane so that, lightened of his 175 lbs., the plane might make its way back to England. The gunner refused, and as the blinded radio operator argued the plane crashed into the English Channel. Voster crawled out on the wing and held on to the gunner, also wounded, preventing him from drowning. A rescue launch brought the crew to shore. Voster has been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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EDITORIAL WHY WE FIGHT

The story of why we fight is being told to men of the 63d Div. in a thorough manner. Reports from men who have been transferred to the Division from other outfits testify to this fact. One officer commented recently that the 63d's orientation program was the most thorough and comprehensive he had seen.

It was said shortly after the United States entered the war that soldiers at the front often were hazy as to why they were fighting or why we were in the war. Certainly if a man does not know why he is fighting it is not reasonable to suppose that he will give himself wholeheartedly to the struggle.

Russians have fought the Nazis fiercely because they have a huge stake in this war. The Nazis were overrunning their homeland and their lives were in immediate danger. Therefore the Russians fought with everything they had and their doggedness and loyalty has born fruit.

The war is far removed from most Americans. They have not suffered like the people of England, Russia and the conquered nations. Nevertheless, we have a big stake in the war. Our homes and our loved ones also have been menaced, regardless of the fact that we are far from the scene of battle. It is for this reason, to bring home to the men of the Army why we fight, that our orientation program is so elaborate. Knowing why we fight makes us better fighters.

MOTHER'S DAY

They've set aside tomorrow as Mother's Day. It's supposed to be a day on which Mother is waited upon, catered to and generally honored for the many thankless tasks she performs as a matter of course every day in the year.

This year in which overseas shipments have increased and casualty lists bearing the names of their sons and husbands have added more weight to their normal cares, mothers throughout the world cannot be eulogized adequately by little words strung out in a line.

Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers and even grandmothers are not waiting for expressions of sympathy. On Mother's Day they won't be taking a well earned holiday: they'll be working as usual in war plants, selling bonds, and filling blood banks throughout the country with precious fluid from their great hearts. They are Wacs, Waves and Spars.

In Russia the soft hand which ministers so tenderly to the needs of her children has one numbed finger curled around a trigger.

In England mothers stand cold midnight watches as airplane spotters, searchlight technicians and fire guards.

Chinese mothers are fighting Japs, famine and pestilence by doing coolie labor, building roads over which Lend-Lease supplies will flow.

Here in the United States mothers are not wringing their hands, but fighting with the fury of lionesses for the safety of their cubs.



News from Here and There

GI Sends Grass Skirts Home From Combat Zone

OURAY, COL. (CNS)—The parents of S/Sgt. Freddie Zanett have received six grass skirts from their son in the South Pacific. "I've been seeing a good deal of the girls around here," wrote Freddie in an inclosed note. "Obviously," his father remarked.

They Pay for Failing To Salute in Italy

ITALY (CNS)—A large billboard at an MP station along the road to Garigliano Front, bears this list of standard fines for various violations:

"Failure to wear helmets, \$2; speeding, \$15; overcrowding vehicles, \$3; blackout violations, \$10; failure to have vehicles mounted with machine guns ready to fire, \$5, and failure to salute, \$2.

These fines are for enlisted men only. Officers must pay double.

Treasury Reports Sale Of Half Billion E Bonds

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The 500 millionth Series "E" war bond was purchased by an American somewhere in the U. S. on the last day in March, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., reports. "That is roughly equivalent to 50 'E' bonds for every member of the U. S. armed forces," Mr. Morgenthau said.

Army Theater in Italy Has 'Birth of a Nation'

ITALY (CNS)—This advertisement was posted on a GI theater near Naples:

"Tonight Only! First showing in Italy!
"Birth of a Nation."

Natives Take Foxhole From Army in Gilberts

GILBERT ISLANDS (CNS)—"Hey," yelled S/Sgt. George Du-naeff, of the Bronx, during the invasion of Makin Atoll, "there's a woman in my foxhole."

"That's nothing," replied another soldier. "There's a woman and a child in mine."

The two soldiers, members of a medical detachment, had dug the foxholes for safety from heavy Jap fire. But they had to dig two more after the two native women and one child arrived within the American lines and commandeered the original foxholes.

New York Has Voting Form for Armed Forces

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—The State War Ballot Commission has approved the form of postcard ap-

plications for war ballots to be sent to voting members of the armed forces from New York State under the state soldier vote law. Distribution of the cards will be started as soon as they are printed.

Yanks in Assam Use Hail to Cool Drinks

ASSAM (CNS)—It doesn't hail much in Assam but when it does, GIs take full advantage of it. During a recent heavy hailstorm, Yanks gathered up the glistening hailstones to cool their beer and cokes.

Jitterbugging Dancer Sues for Back Injury

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Florida Edwards, a radio actress, is suing the Hollywood Canteen for \$17,250 damages incurred, she says, when she dislocated her back while dancing at the canteen with a jitterbugging soldier.

Admiral Helps Wave Carry Her Luggage

NORFOLK, Va. (CNS)—A young Wave struggled up the street under the heavy burden of a bunch of suitcases and parcels when an elderly man went to her assistance and carried the suitcases.

"Thank you," she said. "Are you a retired navy man?"

"Yes," he said.
"Former chief?"
"No," he said, "admiral."
It was Rear Adm. Guy H. Borage, USN, retired.

Sergeant Waits 26 Years To Receive Silver Star

ENGLAND (CNS)—Sgt. John D. Mullaney won the Silver Star for gallantry in action 26 years ago in the battle of Apremont, France, in 1918. But the award wasn't made until the other day when Sgt. Mullaney was given the medal at his forty-fifth birthday party. He has been in the Army 19 years.

OCS Program Slashed As Three Schools Close

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Not more than 11 of the original 26 Officer Candidate schools will be in operation this fall, according to the War department.

Latest OCS courses suspended were those at Ft. Riley, Kans. (Cavalry), Ft. Monroe, Va. (Coast Artillery) and Camp Hood, Tex. (Tank Destroyer). Soon to join them are the MP OCS at Ft. Custer, Mich., the Antiaircraft Artillery OCS at Camp Davis, N. C., the Chemical Warfare Service OCS at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and the Armored Force OCS at Ft. Knox, Ky.

The Sky Pilot Says It

A British Mother to Her Son

(A letter contributed by Division Chaplain William E. Patrick.)
My Dearest Boy:

I don't know where you are, but wherever it is, my heart is with you day and night. I know that kidding you that things won't be too bad won't help you in any way. You are going to be called upon to do tasks beyond your experience and your strength. Prepare yourself spiritually before you do. No war ever demanded so much courage, pitting the body against engines of steel. More indestructible than steel, however, is the immortal soul of men.

Your immortality is your strength. Do not brace yourself into a state of tension, trying to build upon artificial courage. This way your nerves will snap. Men cannot stand alone, and should not try. Connect yourself now with the source of your being and rest secure on the only solid foundation affording a foothold now left in this world. Pray at any time about anything. Think continually, "God is with me." His presence will come and never leave you.

So arm yourself against mental suffering and the horrors you will see by a serene, courageous attitude of mind.

Don't regard the killed as lost men, nor the crippled as defeated men. These are the fears of puny hearts incapable of looking up at the starlit heavens and reading the signature of God. You will face destruction of this temporary body, and that is the least of your troubles. You will walk through a gate and you will go on, because death is nothing.

I don't even pray that you should be spared this because I would not feel that I lost you—a temporary separation, that is all.

Don't be afraid of fear. It is man's deepest instinct, and a spur to brave men. Relax and pray. Reach out for the source of all life, all courage, all good and a hand will lead you through the darkness. I don't say this to give you false comfort. It is true. I have proved it and I know.

Comfort is a drawback and not an essential to the virility of man. So don't fear the future. If the new generation has to build a new world, what then? You may be impoverished in the material sense, but it will be a spiritual adventure in the greatness of living. I have never wished to give my own children a ready-made world and deprive them of the growth that comes of solving their own problems. If this be your future, you could not ask for better.

And now, dear boy, to whatever destiny your duty leads you—go with God.

—Your Mother.

G. I. Jingles

MOM

Mom, I want you to know this:
That although I am far away,
I close my eyes and I kiss
You, then mom darling, for you I pray.

Mom, I pray you will always
Have happiness come your way;
For Heaven knows you've always
Brightened somebody else's day.

Remember when still a kid,
Mom dear, I was bad, wasn't I?
Many times the things I did
Brought a teardrop into your eye.

Since then I've grown up knowing
Mom, that you're the dearest and best;
I'll spend all my life showing
You peace, happiness, love and rest.

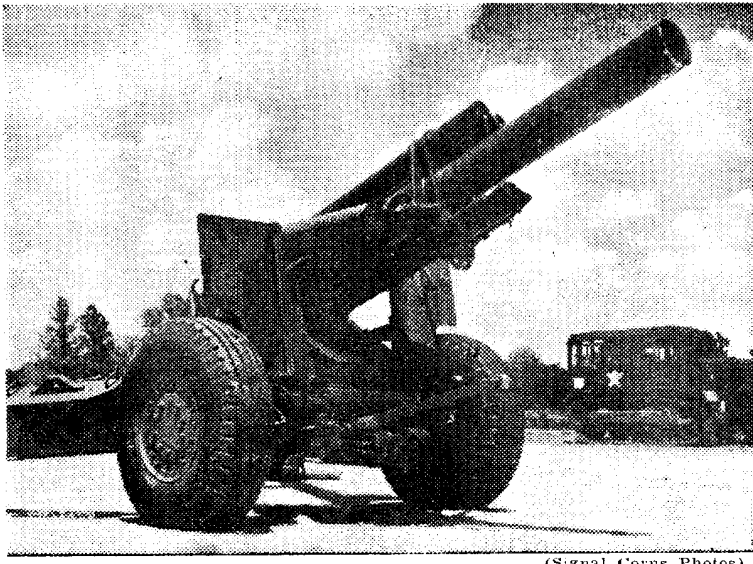
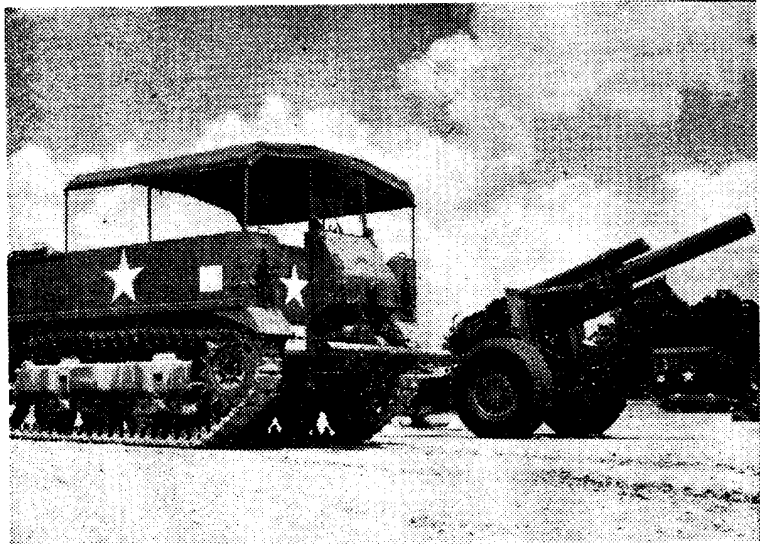
The pattern was thrown away
Mom, when the good Lord made you;
You're perfect in every way,
Mom, loving, patient, good and true.

In closing Mom I must say,
All I can ever do for you
Is done, for Mom, every day
Is Mother's Day—from me to you.

Division Headquarters
—By T/5 Joseph Yezulinas,

There was a smashing of eggs on the Anzio beachhead, when an enemy bomb fell near a supply depot. Well that was just a bit of the fortune—or rather the misfortune—of war.

There's not much time for jitters when folks keep busy. Through the ages, seers and philosophers and practical minded men have told of the value of work. Yet, each person must find that out for himself, or herself.



NEWEST AND LARGEST guns in the 63d Div. artillery are the 155 mm. howitzers of the type pictured (right) above which give the 718th F. A. Bn. its greatest firepower. Although of the same calibre as the Schneider M1917-18 model which they have replaced, these new M1s have greater range, higher elevation and quicker traverse. The big guns are towed by the new type prime mover pictured at left. These weigh 13 tons and carry gun crew, ammunition and section equipment.

Redcat Musicians In Swing Concert

Boogie Woogie, hot jive and blues will vie with sweet rhythms played especially for combat soldiers of the 253d Inf. next Friday night when the 16-piece 253d orchestra appears in its first swing concert at 2000 in the CT Red Rec. Hall.

The event will mark the first time the 253d orchestra has appeared before soldiers of the regiment in a swing concert. The 253d band has played more than 150 engagements since its organization seven months ago. Recently it played at New Orleans and at Vicksburg.

Guest Stars Entertain At Service Club 2

Three guest stars entertained patrons at Service Club No. 2 in a variety show headed by T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joe Dolin, of CT White Special Services Office, last Tuesday.

Musicians Needed by Drum and Bugle Corps

Several drummers are still needed to round out the drum and bugle corps sponsored by Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, 254th Special Service Officer.

New 155s Add Firepower To 718th F. A. Batteries

Being readied to fire their first shots are the 63d Div.'s newest and largest weapons, the big 155mm. howitzers of the 718th F. A. Bn.

255th Artists Give Concert at Gloster

A special musical program honoring Mother's Day will be presented by 255th Inf. Special Service office at the Gloster Servicemen's Center tomorrow afternoon.

Kelly, Flagpole Sitter, Joins Merchant Marine

The latest pseudo-legendary sporting figure of the late, lamented Roaring 20s to join the armed forces is Shipwreck Kelly, world's champion flagpole sitter, who is going to sea again with the Merchant Marine.

howitzers' range is several thousand yards longer than that of the shorter-barreled guns they have replaced. The M1 is fitted with a pintle traverse instead of an axle traverse, making possible swifter changes in deflection without a shifting of the trail.

The new weapon also is constructed to fire at higher angles of elevation, being able to deliver effective fire almost straight up and much in the manner of a huge mortar.

Members of the Division who have seen the new guns in their park have been rather intrigued by their traveling companions, the new prime movers behind which the cannon are towed.

Like most tractors, the M5 is steered by braking either the right or left track. Its human cargo normally rides inside an enclosed cab on longitudinal seats placed on either side of the driver.

A feature greatly appreciated by the Redlegs is the presence of a six-burner gasoline stove for cooking the crew's meals in each tractor.

The task of providing for these powerhouses has presented its problems, all of them being solved. A special concrete strip and reinforced roadway were constructed on 15th avenue to prevent damage to Camp Van Dorn roads by the tractor's steel treads.

One day this month, the 718th will fire these guns. Those who see or hear them will realize beyond doubt that the fire power of the Division has been greatly augmented.

Purps Pine for Homes

If you have a pet purp who has nuzzled his way into your affections and who has been missing recently, don't jump to the conclusion that he has deserted you.

According to a recent Daily Bulletin: "There are a number of impounded dogs being held at the Dog Impound Area, northeast corner, Station Hospital. Missing dogs can be seen and claimed after they have been vaccinated.

Two Men Receive Medal of Honor

NAPLES (CNS)—The Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, has been given to two more men for conspicuous bravery in the Italian campaign.

One of them, Lt. Ernest Childers, a sharp-shooting Indian from Oklahoma, won the Medal of Honor for wiping out two German machine gun nests, killing two snipers and capturing a Nazi mortar observer shortly after the landings at Salerno.

The other, Capt. Maurice L. Britt, a former University of Arkansas football star, was given the high honor for beating off a strong German assault with but 56 men at Monte Rotundo.

Posthumous award of the Medal of Honor was also made recently to Maj. Gregory Boyington, Marine air ace, who downed 26 Jap planes before he was reported missing in action in the South Pacific.

The Medal of Honor has been awarded to 83 soldiers, sailors and Marines since Pearl Harbor, the war department has disclosed. In the last war the high award was made 114 times.

\$653,800 Paid by Army

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Army has paid \$653,800 to 3,345 honorably discharged servicemen and women or their survivors during the first 12 weeks of operation of the new "mustering-out payment law," the War Department has announced.

Nazi Book Burning Told in Elaborate Orientation Show

Staged by soldiers who were professionals in the entertainment field before entering the Army, the orientation office of the 255th Inf., headed by Lt. Ralph Bond, presented a powerful indictment against the Nazis for the orientation classes in the CT Blue Rec. Hall this week.

"They Burned the Books," one of the best-known works of the late Stephen Vincent Benet, written especially for the National Broadcasting Co., held several audiences gripped by its factual episode of the burning of books decreed by the Germans as unfit reading in their "new order."

Heine, Schiller, Mark Twain, Abraham Lincoln, and other immortal word artists appeared as shadowgraphs to dispute the morality of the Nazis in their attempt at destruction of the ideals of liberality and freedom.

Appearing as the Nazi personification of the new order was T/5 John B. Lyman, assistant to Lt. Bond. Lyman as a civilian was an announcer-producer for the National Broadcasting Co., in Los Angeles, T/5 Mordecai Bauman, assistant to Lt. Mike Naddeo, of CT Blue Special Service, acted as narrator. Appearing also was Sgt. Gladys Boswell of the WAC Detachment, who took the part of a school teacher.

Original music for the production was composed and conducted by T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn, Serv. Co. T/5 Frank Frollo, Co. M, and Pfc. Raymond Valente, Service Co., conceived and erected the stage sets which contributed in a large measure to the success of the affair.

A stage adaptation of "They Burned the Books," written by Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White Special Service Office, will be presented by the special service staff in conjunction with the orientation staff of CT White, at Theater No. 1, Friday, May 26. A 20-man choral reading group and special lighting effects arranged by T/5 Leslie Heath, assistant to Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, CT White special service officer, will highlight the presentation.

Major Lurie of 254th Cited by General Hibbs

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Div. commander, this week officially commended Maj. Bertrand F. Lurie, executive officer of the 2d Bn., 254th Inf., for excellent management of the firing range when elements of the regiment underwent their marksmanship tests.

The citation read: "The arrangements under Major Lurie at the known distance range this morning were the best I have seen for this type of training to date. The instruction is proceeding in a highly efficient and commendable manner."

New Air Record Set

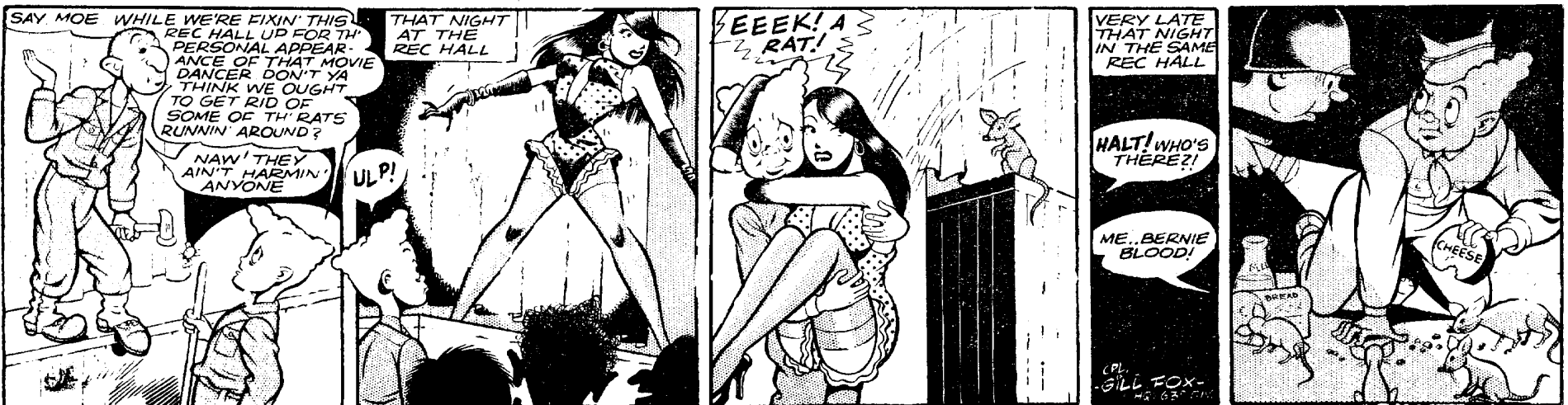
LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Latest queen of the air is the hopped-up new Lockheed Constellation, which recently crossed the continent in six hours, 58 minutes, at an average speed of 355 miles an hour.

Practically all power cranes and shovels produced in 1944 will be needed by the armed services, according to War Production Board.

BERNIE BLOOD

Cheese for Cheese

By GILL FOX



Rare Pitching Feats on Division Diamonds

Buckley Tosses First No-Hit Tilt As Hurlers Star

Shutouts Mark Week of Softball Play; Win For Vanella

A no-hit, no-run game and several other pitching gems were turned in by Division softball teams as the quest for the Blood and Fire crown became keener during the week.

Credit for the first hitless performance went to Sgt. Joe Buckley, of Btry. A, 862d F. A., when he shutout Hq. Btry., 9-0, in a CT White League game. Only 18 men faced the Redleg mound ace who coasted into victory after his teammates staked him to a seven-run edge in the third inning.

Proving his faultless exhibition was no flash in the pan, Sgt. Buckley during the week won a second game, limiting Btry. C to three hits as his heavy-hitting mates pounded the opposition for an 11-2 edge.

Sgt. Russ Vanella, of the 63d QM Co., made a strong bid to become the pitcher of the week as he hurled a one-hitter to beat the 763d Ord. Co., 2-1. The seven-inning tilt was a playoff of an earlier 2-2 deadlock and presented the victors with their first triumph of the Green League pennant chase as well as a beer party at the losers' expense.

Cpl. Marty Schopp, who doubles as bass fiddle player with the 253d Inf. Orchestra, turned in another commendable victory when he fanned 10 and allowed only three hits in Co. D's 6-0 shutout of Co. A in a CT Red League contest. Schopp also made two of his team's eight hits and two of its runs.

Pitchers Freese and Hart, of Co. I, collaborated in a two-hit 15-3 triumph over Co. L in another Red game while Co. Co. of the 255th Inf., unbeaten in two seasons of softball, scrambled mightily to "take" AT Co., 3-2, in a CT Blue contest marked by four-hit pitching on both sides.

The Bay of Monterey, California, was discovered by Cabrillo in 1542.



"SUCKER," someone yelled as Cpl. Frank Lanzetti (left with cap) was tagged out at plate by S/Sgt. Paul Gick in second inning of game between CT Blue and Div. Sp. Trps. Green team, Wednesday evening. Lanzetti had the last laugh on his heckler, smashing a pair of home runs to lead the Blue to a 9-4 Div. Baseball League victory. T 5 Murvel Andrew, Green catcher (right) got an assist on this putout.

Petersen to Pitch Today

Division baseball rivalry will bring CT White and CT Blue into action against each other on the latter's diamond behind the White rec. hall at 1400, today.

Cpl. Earl Petersen, whose batting and pitching have been one of the brightest features of the playing to date, probably will be on the hill for CT White.

The National league adopted the foul strike rule in 1901 and the American league followed two years later.

254th Group Golfs On Week-End Party

A nine-hole golf tournament featured a week-end of Southern hospitality for men of the 254th Inf. Regt., who were guests of the residents of McComb last Saturday and Sunday.

Playing over the links of the Fernwood Country Club, many of them trying for the game the first time, the boys came up with some good and also some weird scores in their quest for prizes. Low scorer was S/Sgt. Daniel Marcione with a 42 for nine holes. Cpl. Jack Grayson won the kickers handicap with a 49; T/5 John F. McLellan was high man with a 73, and Pvt. William Isaacson took honors for the most unusual feat by using up 18 strokes on one hole.

The program arranged by Mrs. Mary Locke, of the McComb Servicemen's Center, and supervised by Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, Reg't. sp. serv. officer, also included a golf exhibition by Cpl. Warren Orlick; swimming in the Fernwood pool, and a special luncheon at which Mr. Menitt, the club president, was host.

Swimmers Are Sought For 63d Division Team

Men who have had competitive swimming experience are sought for a projected team to represent the 63d Div. in outside meets.

Lt. Bernard Levkoff, Asst. Div. special service officer, is seeking a sufficient number of natators to compose a 10 to 15 man team. Competitive rules permit individuals to participate in three events in any meet.

Training facilities are available at Baton Rouge, McComb and Natchez and will be placed at the disposal of trainees for the 50, 100 and 220 yard freestyle, the 100 yard backstroke, the 100 yard breast stroke, and the diving events. Medley and freestyle relay teams also will be developed.

Interested swimmers are requested to contact Lt. Levkoff at the Special Troops Rec Hall, telephone 2139.

The National league's only playoff game was between the Giants and Cubs in 1903. It was played the day after the season ended to decide the championship and Chicago won.

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Haag Hurls One-Hit Baseball Game But CT Red Licks Blue With Homer

Ray Koehler Scores Poggi With Four-Bagger in Fourth to Give Miller Mound Duel; CT White Wallops Green Nine, 10-3

A tremendous home run by S/Sgt. Ray Koehler switched the spotlight from pitching to hitting and gave CT Red a 2-0 victory over CT Blue in the Division Baseball League last week.

The Red outfielder's 350-foot drive with T/Sgt. John Poggi on base in the fourth inning accounted for the deciding runs and put the victor into second place as CT White continued to hold the front by walloping the Green League entry, 10-3.

However, Koehler's blast failed to erase recognition of the fact that his hit was the only one off Pvt. "Big Bill" Haag or that Cpl. Oscar Miller, the winning hurler, was touched for just three safeties. The two hurlers locked in a mound duel that completely absorbed spectators. The Blue gave Miller, who was associated with the Cincinnati Reds and with Sacramento of the Pacific Coast league, some uneasy moments but timely fielding gems pulled him out of the trouble.

Haag, on the other hand, was completely in control of the opposition except for his one lapse in the fourth frame. He struck out 10 of the 31 men who faced him. No runner reached third base except in the fourth inning.

The severest test of Miller's pitching ability came in the first inning when Cpl. Frank Gerlock booted a pair of rollers to help the Blue load the sacks. The Redcats' third baseman, however, compensated for his misplays by starting a double play that nipped Levy at the plate and erased this early threat to Miller's shutout hurling. Baker tagged Miller for the Blue's first hit in the fifth but the Redcats' second double-play nullified this promising gesture. Oscar was free of trouble again until the eighth. In that session, Stampigliano's double and Kirchdorfer's sacrifice placed a runner on third. Miller rose to the test by fanning Dondona to end the rally and erase the Blue's hope of retrieving victory.

Cpl. Earl Petersen, star of his team's victory over CT Red early last week, again sparked CT White

The Box Scores									
CT Blue									
Levy, 2b	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Lanzetti, ss	4	0	1	1	2	0			
Stampigliano, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0			
Kirchdorfer, c	4	0	1	1	1	0			
Dondona, 1b	4	0	1	0	1	0			
Baker, 3b	3	0	1	2	3	1			
Waack, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0			
Tota, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Dillon, cf	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Haag, p	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	28	0	2	24	18	4			
CT Red									
Arnold, ss	4	0	0	3	2	0			
Gerlock, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0			
Poggi, 2b	4	1	0	0	4	0			
Koehler, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0			
Cortese, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	0			
Miller, p	2	0	0	2	4	0			
Bacchi, c	3	0	0	4	0	0			
McCullough, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0			
Harris, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0			
Totals	29	2	1	27	14	2			
Score by innings:									
CT Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0			
CT Red	0	0	0	2	0	0			
CT White									
Frazier, ss	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Galbraith, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0			
Mottola, 1b	2	1	0	3	0	0			
Petersen, c	2	2	1	4	0	0			
Dooley, 3b	3	1	1	2	2	0			
Steyer, lf	2	1	1	1	0	0			
Pratt, 2b	2	1	0	1	0	0			
Liebowitz, rf	2	2	1	0	0	0			
Shaw, p	2	1	2	1	3	2			
James, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Zimmerman, c	0	0	0	4	1	0			
Nolen, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Barnes, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	25	10	9	21	9	3			
Green League									
Bruno, 3b	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Canup, cf	4	1	1	4	2	0			
Byrnes, ss	3	0	0	1	0	1			
Andrews, c	3	0	0	3	2	0			
Ormskirk, 1b	1	0	0	7	0	0			
Steinherat, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Potley, 2b	2	1	0	2	1	2			
Bacon, rf	2	1	2	0	0	0			
Yezulinas, p	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jick, p	1	0	1	1	0	0			
Monk, p	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	25	3	4	18	6	3			
Score by innings:									
Green League	0	0	0	3	—	3			
CT White	5	2	0	0	x	—			

in its defeat of the Special Troops nine. He larruped a home run with Sgt. Al Frazier on base in the opening frame and before the inning was over his team owned enough runs to win the game.

For good measure, Cpl. Joe Cordts' combination added braces of runs in the second and third sessions and were fully in possession of the decision when Gerald Shaw gave the Green three of its four hits and all its runs in the last inning.



FROM FIELD to track is the aspiration of T/4 John Battaglia, Serv. Co. 253d Inf., who hopes during his job of advertising the CT Red meet scheduled for June 3 to shed enough of his 260 pounds to qualify for the sprints. The trials in the parade ground area will qualify men for the Division meet which will highlight the Activation Day program, June 15.

DIVISION SOFTBALL LINEUPS

CT RED									
Co. I					Co. D				
Kuehner, c	AB	R	H	E	Ueblich, 3b	AB	R	H	E
McRiger, ss	4	1	2	1	Ch'bart, 2b	2	0	0	0
Brown, 2b	3	2	2	1	Woods, ss	3	1	1	0
Camarero, lf	2	2	1	1	Fleming, c	3	0	1	0
Arnold, 1b	3	3	1	1	B'inski, rf	2	1	1	0
St'g'low, 2b	1	2	0	0	Kendell, cf	1	0	1	0
Church, cf	4	1	3	1	Combes, lf	1	1	1	0
Fuchs, rf	3	0	1	1	M'nsfield, cf	1	0	0	0
Coulton, sf	3	0	0	0	Schopp, p	2	2	1	0
Freese, p	2	1	1	0	K'vach, 1b	2	0	1	0
Hart, p	1	1	0	0	MacKowich	1	0	1	0
Totals	32	15	17	7	Totals	24	6	5	2
Score by innings:									
Co. I	0	0	0	2	—	2	—	0	0
Co. D	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
CT WHITE									
Ny. Btry.					Hq. Btry.				
Shannon, c	AB	R	H	E	B'ithron, 2b	AB	R	H	E
Larkin, 1b	3	2	1	1	O'Leary, ss	3	1	1	0
Carroll, lf	3	1	1	0	Conly, 3b	3	1	1	0
Dunson, ss	2	0	1	0	Buckley, p	2	1	1	0
L'w'ach, cf	1	0	0	0	Ahern, p	0	0	0	0
L'w'ach, cf	1	0	0	0	Hodgess, 1b	2	1	1	0
Stimpert, sf	2	0	0	0	St'field, 1b	0	0	0	0
Short, 2b	2	0	0	0	B'lowitz, cf	2	0	0	0
Pattack, cf	2	0	0	0	Hughes, sf	2	0	0	0
Hoffey, 2b	2	1	1	0	Pumper, lf	1	0	0	0
R'k'ber, p	3	0	0	0	Roed, lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	20	4	7	1	Bragg, c	2	2	1	0
Score by innings:									
Ny. Btry.	0	0	2	0	—	0	0	0	0
Hq. Btry.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
CT BLUE									
Co. I					Co. Co.				
Cutler, c	AB	R	H	E	AT Co., p	AB	R	H	E
Sm'ons, 2b	4	1	1	1	P'kowitz, p	2	0	0	0
Switzer, ss	4	0	2	0	M'Quinn, cf	2	0	0	0
Greiner, 1b	3	1	1	0	Wisner, sf	2	0	0	0
Conelia, 2b	3	1	1	0	Krueger, ss	2	0	0	0
Bones, lf	2	1	1	0	H'man, 3b	2	1	1	0
Holmes, cf	2	0	0	0	Anderson, c	2	0	0	0
Olak, lf	2	0	0	0	Ferone, 1b	2	1	1	0
M'chert, cf	2	0	1	0	M'Cutch, cf	2	0	0	0
Stewart, p	2	0	1	0	Pan'oa, 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	20	5	10	1	Sanders, lf	2	0	0	0
Score by innings:									
Hq. Co.	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0
Co. I	0	0	0	0	5	—	0	0	0
GREEN LEAGUE									
QM Co.					Co. D				
D'Grego, cf	AB	R	H	E	Webb, c	AB	R	H	E
Paulish, 2b	3	1	1	0	Hedrick, ss	3	0	0	0
Brinn, ss	2	0	0	0	Smith, lf	3	0	0	0
Brundage, 1b	2	1	1	0	Downs, 1b	3	0	1	0
Yronally, p	2	0	0	0	Kuc'nski, p	3	2	3	1
Br'good, 2b	3	0	0	0	Sar'nto, sf	3	0	0	0
Strobel, c	2	0	0	0	Williams, cf	2	0	0	0
Strobel, c	2	0	0	0	Miller, 2b	2	0	0	0
Grants, cf	2	0	0	0	Sherry, cf	2	0	0	0
Newman, 1b	2	0	0	0	Balls, 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	4	1	Totals	20	2	1	1
Score by innings:									
QM Co.	0	0	0	0	—	7	0	0	0
Ord Co.	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	0	0

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—One of the few grandfathers in the division is T/5 James O. Herrod, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., whose daughter recently gave birth to a baby girl. . . Pfc. Vito Riccardello, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., celebrated his 13th wedding anniversary this week—on KP. . . S/Sgt. Robert Leonard, Hq. and Hq. Co., got tired of seeing the boundary lines of the company volleyball court washed away by rain. He devised a tiny trench filled with whitewashed bricks, waterproofing the lines. . . Personal commendations from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, were received by Sgts. Mickey Kaplan, Sammy Cuva and Cpl. Jay Allan Guild of the Med. Det. . . T/4 Jay Koons, dispensary staff, complains that some of the taxi drivers in camp do more surgery (on his pocket-book) than do the medics. . . Smallest soldier in Hq. Co., 1st Bn., is Sgt. John Mastrogiovanni, who weighs 125 lbs. soaking wet. . .

255th Inf.—T/Sgt. Perry M. Erhard and Cpl. Eugene F. O'Brien, Co. M, both received commendations from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, for their excellent work in the recent "platoon in the attack" battle exercise. Sgt. Erhard's 81 mm. mortar squad demolished the target with its first round, while Cpl. O'Brien's leadership of the heavy machine-gun squad won praise. . . S/Sgt. John B. Leach, Co. K, was awarded first prize of \$15.00 for having the best supply room in the regiment. . . Solution of the lost and broken coke bottle problem has been discovered by 1st Sgt. Glenn Smith, Co. L, who inserts empty bottles in the day-room machine. . . S/Sgt. George W. Moses, Co. L, recently sold his "other restaurant," the "Lobby," Charleston, West Va. . . Lt. Frank James, Co. I, is celebrating the arrival of brand new daughter. . . Sgt. Wilson E. White, Co. E, won his Infantry Badge this week, one of the first awarded in the division. . . In Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Pfc. Harvey Tatum was married while on furlough in Montgomery, Ala., and T/5 Lester Smallwood became engaged to his sweetheart in Richmond Hills, N. Y. . .

863 F. A.—T/5 Michael Mauro, Hq. Btry., is taking a sharp ribbing since he acquired a "super-GI" haircut for the summer. . . Neatest dressed soldiers in Hq. Btry. during a recent general inspection were: Sgt. William Aull and T/4 Joseph Manno, S/Sgt. Adolph Seeber had the neatest full field display. . . Capt. Edward F. Winter, Bn. S-2, has returned from F. A. School, Ft. Sill, Okla. . .

718th F. A.—Chicago newspapers carried stories on the arrival home on furlough of Cpl. Bernard Rynkus, Btry. C, who operates a night club in the Windy city. . . Cpl. William G. Phelps, Btry. C, scored recently with an article about the 63d Div. published in the Portland (Ore.) Oregonian. . . Sgt. Douglas R. McCracken, Hy. Btry., was married to Miss Ophelia Brennan, Natchez, Miss., last week in Natchez, and left immediately for a short honeymoon in New Orleans, La. . . After a recent illness, Sgt. Cyril F. Joyce, Hq. Btry., has returned to his duties as supply sergeant.

Repl. Trng. Grp.—Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Comdr., addressed 1,000 "graduates" who had completed their training, on May 5th. . . At the same exercises, Maj. Frank B. Farr, commanding officer, commended the following officers on their excellent work in training the men: Lt. Francis J. Gaffney, CO of 1st Co.; Lt. John E. Wilson, CO, 3d Co.; Lt. Thomas E. Tiffin, CO, 5th Co., and Lt. Miles Milkovich, CO, 6th Co. . .



Q. Last week I asked you if it is OK for me to designate my girl friend as beneficiary of a Class "E" allotment. You said it was. My CO says you are all wet. Who's right, you or my CO?

A. Your CO of course. The Inquiring Line was in error last week when it said that Class "E" allotments may be made out to benefit your girl friend. The correct dope is that these allotments may be made out only to banks, insurance companies, families and dependent relatives. Sorry.

Q. Hey, look—enlisted men are permitted to wear shoulder loops on their blouses, jackets and overcoats. Why can't we wear them on our slirts?

A. That's simple. Shoulder loops on shirts are "for officers only." See AR 600-35, Par. 15.

Q. I've been in the Army a month. When I was inducted I took out \$5,000 in National Service Life Insurance. Now I want \$5,000 more. Will I have to undergo a physical examination in order to receive this?

A. Under the regulations concerning National Service Life Insurance, no physical examination is required if the application is made within 120 days after induction.

Q. I'm in a post hospital where I have been confined since contracting venereal disease. My pay has been stopped, of course, but

I'm worried about my wife's allowance. Has that been stopped too?

A. No. Loss of pay during absence of duty caused by a venereal disease does not stop allowances of pay to dependents under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act. The same applies to insurance payments, which are continued by the Army and later collected from the GI when he is restored to duty.

Q. Can you give me some dope on the Armed Forces Institute's "accreditation" service, whereby soldiers can be aided in securing post-war employment in the Federal Civil Service?

A. Well, in a nutshell, this service is conducted by the AFI to help GIs who are seeking Civil Service jobs. By putting their Army training or experience on record now, veterans who later apply for Federal jobs will be able to receive full credit, in appropriate Civil Service exams, for skills acquired in the Armed Forces. To be accredited, these skills need not be acquired in connection with an Institute course but may be the result of any Army training or experience. For more data on this service, write to the Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis.

The Quartermaster Corps procured two and three-quarter billion pounds of meat for the Army in 1943.

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.

Nazi Bullet at El Guettar Led 253d GI to Romance

The fictional "Forty Days of Musa Dagh," is almost paled by comparison with the actual story of "Forty Days at El Guettar," told by Pvt. James W. Callow, Co. B, 253d Inf., who was wounded while with the "Fighting First Division" during the bitter North African campaign.

The 25-year-old former shoemaker feels that the bullet that ripped through his heel and sent him back to this country was a blessing in disguise, for it led to his meeting with the girl who is now his fiancée, in Harmon General Hospital, Tex., where he was returned for convalescence.

"Our outfit was in the front line in El Guettar," Pvt. Callow told barracks mates this week. "We kept moving forward, mostly at night, for 40 days. There was no one between us and the enemy, except our outposts." "I had been through a couple of bayonet charges but had escaped injury. This time I started out with an '03 which I soon traded for a Tommy-gun belonging to a wounded lieutenant.



Pvt. Callow

I had broken my bandolier on some rocks in a fall the night before."

Wounded 40 Days Later
It was March 30, 1943, exactly 40 days after he first saw action, that he was wounded.

"At first I felt no pain except a numbness from the knee down. I twisted a tourniquet around my leg, using a trench knife and GI belt, and walked three miles before being given treatment by an artillery sergeant."

Taken by jeep to an aid station, Pvt. Callow was later removed to an evacuation hospital, and afterwards to Casablanca.

Pvt. Callow praised the Free French, Senegalese and British Tommies with whom he fought.

Free French soldiers, he said, admire the M-1 so much they'd beg Americans to disassemble their rifles for closer examination.

Senegalese Terrorized Nazis

"The Senegalese were really something to see," he said. "They'd come out at night, cat-like, with knives in their teeth, to patrol enemy terrain in search of Nazi throats to slit. The Nazis were afraid to sleep on the ground for fear they'd lose an ear or have their jugular vein cut. The Senegalese especially valued ears, which they strung on long leather thongs that dangled from their belts."

Pvt. Callow has this bit of advice for soldiers of the 63d Div.: "The main thing is to find a hole. You get so that you're constantly looking for a place to dive into—even a little gully or a dip in the ground. We lived in fox-holes most of the time."

Pvt. Callow has a 25-year-old brother, Marvin, who has been fighting in Africa, Sicily and is now in Italy. The brothers, who did not meet in Africa, live in Sullivan, Ill.

Pvt. Callow left New York January 13, 1943, and returned to the same pier May 4 the same year.

WYNN PACKS 'EM IN

When Comedian Ed Wynn visited Finney General Hospital, at Thomasville, Ga., early this spring, his USO performance was a figurative sellout. They hung out the SRO sign that means standing room only, but it was no mistake, even in a hospital. The Army's new reconditioning program for completely restoring wounded soldiers to health often carries men so far back to physical vigor that they are veterans of six-mile hospital hikes.

More than 2,000 varieties of plants have been tested for rubber during the last year.

Snakes Exhibited At Camp Hospital

Even if your flesh starts crawling at the mention of snakes, you owe it to yourself and your future protection on the field to see the preserved snakes on permanent exhibition at the Station Hospital Medical Library.

According to Lt. Edwin L. Taylor, Adjutant, MAC: "Preserved types of all poisonous snakes and many of the non-poisonous varieties of snakes native to Camp Van Dorn, are available to any camp units desiring their use in giving lectures to troops on this subject. This collection, on permanent exhibition at the Hospital Medical Library, was sponsored by Col. Howard Hume, MC, Commanding Officer. Units desiring use of this collection should contact, Capt. Edward Zimmon, Chief of Laboratory Service, Station Hospital. Telephone 781."

This additional research complements a story in last week's BLOOD AND FIRE concerning Sgt. E. Thomas Gilliard, former assistant curator of ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History, who said that, with the exception of the water moccasin or cotton-mouth, dangerous reptiles in this vicinity are rare. Sgt. Gilliard criticized current training aids dealing with snakes in that they give the impression that coral snakes are dangerous in the extreme. The aids fail to indicate, he said, that this species is quite docile and usually so small it cannot bite a man except on the edge of a finger or toe. He also described the coloring, habits and lethal power of rattlers and copperheads.

Personal inspection of preserved reptiles is urged by the Station Hospital officers, who feel that a better understanding of local reptiles will more adequately protect men in the field.

253rd Band Makes Hit Playing at Vicksburg

The 253d Inf. orchestra made a big hit in Vicksburg, Miss., last Saturday night when it played for a formal dance held at the Servicemen's Center.

Members of the band were met at the train by Mrs. A. D. Helagson, chairman of the board controlling the Center and escorted to a hotel where the boys enjoyed a chicken dinner, Southern style. Lodging was provided by citizens of the city.

According to officials of the Center, the crowd at the dance was one of the largest since the place opened. Many soldiers from the 63d were among those in attendance.

Theater Schedule

THEATER 1 AND 2
Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845 No. 2 at 1810
(Saturday, May 13 Through Friday, May 19)
SATURDAY—"Seven Days Ashore," with Wally Brown, Alan Garney and Marcy McGuire.
SUN.-MON.—"Show Business," with Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis and George Murphy.
TUESDAY—"The Black Parachute," with John Carradine, Larry Parks and Jeanne Bates.
WED.-THURS.—"Gaslight," with Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten.
FRIDAY—"Bermuda Mystery," with Preston Foster and Ann Rutherford.

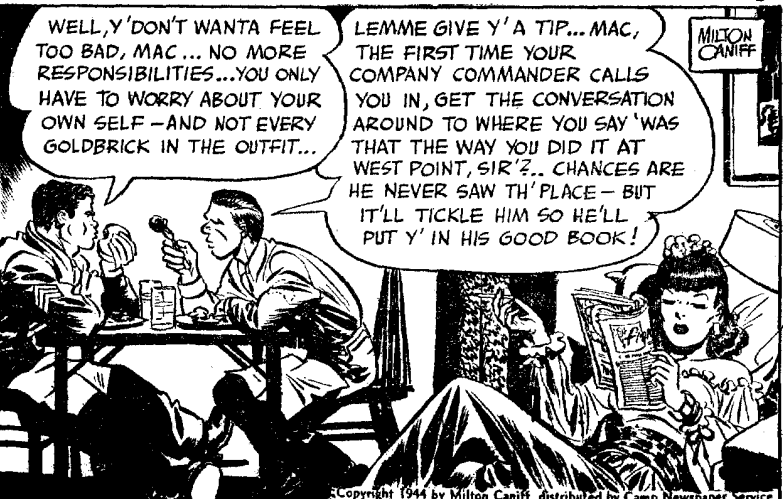
THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1845
(Sunday, May 14 Through Saturday, May 20)
SUNDAY—"Yellow Canary," with Anna Neagle and Richard Green.
MONDAY—"Seven Days Ashore," with Wally Brown, Alan Garney and Marcy McGuire.
TUES.-WED.—"Show Business," with Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis and George Murphy.
THURSDAY—"The Black Parachute," with John Carradine, Larry Parks and Jeanne Bates; "Follow the Leader," with the East Side Kids.
FRI.-SAT.—"Gaslight," with Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten.

Male Call

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



Men Sometimes Go Nuts In The Army





Work of 63d Units Praised by General

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 cess of the battle exercise in the execution of their duties:
 255th Inf.—(Plat. Ldrs.) 1st Lt. William M. Dugger, Co. K; 1st Lt. Allen M. Burdett, Jr., Co. G; 1st Lt. George J. Evans, Co. E; 2d Lt. Gordon A. Amundson, Co. A. (Small Unit Ldrs.) T/Sgt. James E. Davis, Co. B; Sgt. Theron, R. Myers, Co. A; T/Sgt. Thomas J. Coyne, Co. O; T/Sgt. Daniel D. Weiss, Co. D; T/Sgt. Daniel M. Sullivan, Co. G; T/Sgt. Dennis J. Kilbride, Co. E; S/Sgt. John P. Anthony, Sr., Co. H; Cpl. Claude Atkins, Co. G; T/Sgt. Edward K. Kim, Co. K; T/Sgt. Lenoir G. Shook, Co. K; T/Sgt. Perry M. Erhard, Co. M; Cpl. Eugene F. O'Brien, Co. M, and Sgt. Peter A. Peyser, Co. Co. (Control Pers.) Capt. William J. LaMorte, Co. A; 2d Lt. Daniel L. Coltin, Hq. Co. 1st Bn, and 2d Lt. Jack M. Bochner, Co. B.
 363d E. A.—1st Lt. Jesse L. Ott, 2d Lt. Kenneth C. Bauder, Cpl. William E. Friese and T/5 Carl A. Weller, Btry. A; 2d Lt. William G. Lostewicz, Btry. B, and 2d Lt. Jules M. Rumlif and T/5 Thomas W. Yiszka, Btry. C.

CT White Officers Advanced in Rank

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 He Oil Co., but managed to keep up his military training as a member of the Texas National Guard. When the Guardsmen were called for service he went along with the 36th Div.
 Lt. Col. Lightfoot was named first lieutenant while with the 36th and in February 1942 he was transferred to the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., as an instructor in gunnery. He remained there until April 1942 when he was promoted to the rank of major. After a month at the new Division Officer Course at Ft. Sill, he joined the 63d. The 862d's commander is married and is the father of a seven-month-old son, James Hunter. His family resides at McComb.

63d Staff Officers Receive Promotions

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 in 1942, and attended the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Okla. He came to the 63d last June from the 33d Chemical Battalion at Camp Gordon, Ga.
 Lt. Col. Gibbs came to the Army of the United States from the National Guard Signal Corps of which he became a member in 1934. He attended the Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., took a course in new field artillery radio equipment at the Chicago Signal Depot; two months training in motor vehicle operations and maintenance at the Ordnance Motor Base, Atlanta, and just prior to his joining the 63d at Camp Blanding, Fla., he attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
 The Lieutenant Colonel served with the 30th Division at Ft. Jackson, S. C., and from August 1942 until he became associated with the 63d, he was Assistant Corps Signal Officer with the XII Corps at Columbia, S. C.



"ROBIN HOOD," presented by students of LSU, played to large audiences at Theater No 1 last Saturday afternoon and evening. Top left shows the scene in the courtyard of the Sheriff's Castle in Act III. At right, a group of the principals join hands like football players just before entering the game. Mary McCullough, who played Maid Marian, is in the center with (left to right) Rose Lee Grace, Wesley Stevens, William Read and Johanna Poehlman. Bottom photo shows Miss McCullough and Sgt. John Campbell of Division Band, who was cast in the role of Robin Hood.

CT Red Nine Tops 120th Medics, 9-4

Just about everything happened short of a triple play in the baseball game Wednesday at the parade grounds in which the CT Red nine defeated the 120th General Hospital outfit, 9-4, in eight innings.
 The Cats scored four runs in the first inning after Pvt. Johnny Bacchi belted a homer with one aboard and Sgt. McCullough followed with a double to score a man ahead of him. The Medics cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth when Cpl. Jimmy Motley homered with two aboard, but the Cats iced the contest in the sixth.
 The Cats negotiated three snappy double plays and just missed a triple play by a step. Mehall speared Michel's liner and doubled Sorenson off first but Helwig of the losers got back to second just ahead of the peg.
Golf Team Matches Planned in Division
 Blood and Fire golfers shortly will inaugurate links competition within the 63d Div. Combat Team and Special Troops combinations are being created for matches against each other and against golfers of nearby colleges.
 The special Services Offices of the various units are contacting or waiting to be contacted by

golfers of ability. The courses at Natchez, Baton Rouge and McComb are available for week-end matches among the teams.

GI Field Events Today To Be Run in C Uniform

CT Blue will stage a unique "field day" for unit soldiers this morning, combining the features of a track and field meet with the essentials of military training to obtain what should be some interesting results.
 Instead of shorts, jerseys and spikes the contestants' attire will be C uniform. Combat pack, cartridge belts and even arms will be utilized in the various events ranging from sprints to a cross country run.
 The program:
 50 yd. dash—C uniform, combat pack, belt.
 100 yd. dash—C uniform.
 200 yd. rifle relay—C uniform, rifle (Each man runs 50 yds. with rifle at port arms, passes rifle to next runner).
 400 yd. relay—C uniform, baton will be sheathed bayonet.
 Cross Country run—C uniform, GI shoes, distance to be bounds of 255th Inf. area.
 Game of grenades.
 Creep, crawl, run course.
 Break down, assemble M1 (Also in action, out action tests with BAR, machine guns and mortars).
 Eugene Stack, rookie pitcher on roster of the Chicago White Sox, was the first player on major league rolls to be drafted into the armed forces, January, 1941, and the first to die in the service.

Beauty Vies With Music For Favor In 'Robin Hood'

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 comic opera with an enthusiasm scarcely exhibited before in these parts. They left the theater whistling Reginald de Koven's catchy tunes and starry-eyed at the memory of so many pretty girls in such handsome costumes.
 Personally, your reviewer fell in love with the exigency of war which put a girl into the ordinarily tenor role of Allan-a-dale. Carolyn Turquette who sang the part Saturday night, is not only an attractive blonde who looked dandy in the tight green costume of the legendary Sherwood Forest band, but she can sing like nobody's business and her beautiful, clear rendition of "O Promise Me" was thrilling.
Almost Stole Show
 No one in the 63d Div. needs an introduction to the voice of Sgt. John Campbell, of the Division Band, who sang the title role in all performances at this and other Army stations and in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. In civilian life an established concert singer, he showed his experience and stage presence as well as his remarkable vocal talents in the story of the Earl of Huntington turned by "a trick mandaclois" into a benevolent brigand.
 The evening show almost was stolen from him, however, by little Marguerite McClelland, a maid of Memphis, who was Maid Marian. She has a truly remarkable voice and tremendous acting ability and it is safe to predict a substantial career which will carry her far beyond the civic operas and other amateur productions in which she sang before she entered LSU.
 The comedy element in "Robin Hood" is provided by the role of the Sheriff of Nottingham. This was handled most adequately by Roy Odom, who played the part with the strong flavor of Gilbert and Sullivan which de Koven must have had in mind when he wrote "Robin Hood" in 1890. Incidentally, at the evening performance Odom, evidently inspired by the presence of several generals

and a full colonel in the audience, inserted in the role the first cartwheels the Sheriff ever has turned. One of the funniest scenes was that in which he chucked a dairy-maid under the chin. She gave a proper demonstration of medieval wolf-repelling.
 Odom's was not the only ad libbing, either. The LSU company burlesqued a large part of both the second and third acts, even to the point of including a topical reference. Robin Hood shouted, "just the way they do it in the 63d Div.," as he broke from the grip of one of his captors.
 Both dancing and choral work in the production were lovely. The music of "Robin Hood" is its best feature, and it was performed with enthusiasm and care by excellent choruses and a highly competent student orchestra, the latter augmented by a few Blood and Fire musicians.
 The GI musicians were: Pfc. Clarence F. Frank and T/5 Louis V. Petrone, violins; T/4 George D. Marble and Pfc. Rudolph G. Legner, trumpets, and Pfc. Solomon Jacobson, trombone, all of the Division Band; Pvt. Richard J. Ferrara, Co. D, 363d Med., violin; Pvt. Samuel Savar, Co. C, 255 Inf., violin, and T/3 Simon Hubelbank, Div. Hq. (CWS), violin.
 Volunteer drivers of the 63d QM Co. provided transportation by truck, bus, staff car, trailer and other vehicles for the principals, cast, orchestra, scenery and equipment.

Sad Sacks Ten Wins

Despite a five-run rally in the last inning, the All-Star, first string softball team of Battery B, 862d F. A. Bn, was humbled by the Sad Sacks, 8-6, in an intra-battery challenge game on Wednesday afternoon.
 The winners scored in every inning, while confining the All-Stars to a single run in the third and five in the sixth.

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