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Reconversion Plan Will Aid Soldiers Returning to Jobs

A ten-point reconversion program providing a gradual return to peacetime economy in the United States and cautious elimination of rationing and similar war-time controls has been advocated by Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The program is expected to provide an impetus to the return of ex-servicemen to jobs in the post-war setup.

Retain Rationing Ceilings

Testifying before a special House Committee on Post-War Planning, Mr. Johnston said that unnecessary controls should be abandoned but that until raw materials and finished products approximate demand "it will be desirable to maintain priorities, allocations, rationing and price ceilings."

According to a report by the United Press of the committee hearing, Mr. Johnston advocated enactment of legislation to facilitate reconversion, declaring that executive agencies with new laws could deal with many problems but that "this would be contrary to traditional practices and more in keeping with the totalitarian policies we are fighting."

Such legislation, he said, is needed for a prompt and equitable settlement of war contracts and the disposal of surplus war plants and supplies.

Public Improvements

Other points in his program included:

Congress should encourage a return to the financing of their own public works since "it costs more to finance local improvements through the Federal government than it does through local agencies."

Federal and state funds should be correlated with private capital in construction of public improvements to insure maximum stability within the construction industry.

Two million employers can promote post-war employment through adequate surveys in their communities and the creation of new jobs.



Lt. Col. Joseph R. Cumming



Lt. Col. Charles W. Gibbs

Judge Advocate Gets Higher Rank

Lt. Col. Joseph R. Cumming, Division Judge Advocate, was promoted to that rank last week in conjunction with the promotions of Lt. Col. Glenn Y. Williamson, Division Chemical Warfare Officer, and Lt. Col. Charles W. Gibbs, Division Signal Officer.

Lt. Col. Cumming's promotion caps a distinguished career as a civilian attorney. He had a decade of private law practice behind him when he entered the service in July, 1942, and reported for duty in the Judge Advocate General's Office, Washington, D. C.

Sent to the Judge Advocate General's School, Ann Arbor, Mich., in September, 1942, Lt. Col. Cumming remained there until ordered to report to the 76th Div., where he became Assistant Judge Advocate in December, March of that year found him in school at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and in early May he reported to Camp Blanding, Fla., where he was promoted to the rank of major in the newly-activated 63d Div.

Married and the father of a 3-year-old son, Barron, Lt. Col. Cumming attended Cordele (Ga.) High School, the University of Georgia and Columbia University, receiving his law degree at the last named institution in 1932. He passed the Georgia State Bar that same year and the New York State Bar a year later.

Division Soldiers Compete For Infantryman's Badge

Men Required to Pass Rigorous Tests In Order to Win Prizes Offered By the War Department

Men of the three infantry regiments of the 63d Div. vied for the Expert Infantryman's Badge in a series of rigorous tests to determine whether or not they have attained "the standards of proficiency established by the War Department," this week.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Comdr. and head of the Expert Infantryman's Badge Board, was generous in his praise of the committee which conducted

the tests. They were: Lt. Col. Waite J. Burk, 2d Bn. commander, 253 Inf., Lt. Col. Edward A. Baler, executive officer, 254th Inf., Lt. Col. Donald E. Paul, 3d Bn. Commander and Lt. Antony M. Marine, aide-de-camp to Gen. Harris and recorder of the board.

The expert infantryman's badge, a sterling silver musket centered on an infantry blue rectangle three inches long and seven-sixteenths or an inch wide, is issued in compliance with War Department circular 332, which states:

All-Around Proficiency

"The present war has demonstrated the importance of highly proficient, tough, hard and aggressive infantry, which can be obtained only by developing a high degree of individual, all-around proficiency on the part of every infantry man. As a means of attaining the high standards desired and to foster esprit de corps in infantry units, the expert infantryman badges are established for infantry personnel."

Perspiring foot soldiers were called upon to surmount the following obstacles in order to win the badge which will be presented at appropriate ceremonies:

Protective measures, individual and small units; scouting and patrolling; personal appearance; first aid; field sanitation; military courtesy and discipline; bayonet course, and field proficiency of soldier with his individual weapon.

Most of the men picked for the (Continued on Page 8)

254th Draws Praise Of 63d Commander

The 254th Inf. was twice honored this week by personally written commendations from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. Commander.

Cpl. Ewell B. Dean, Co. C, was cited for his work during squad runs recently. The commendation addressed to his company commander, Capt. Donald H. Lowe read:

"I wish to invite your attention to a non-commissioned officer of this unit, Corporal Ewell B. Dean, to whom great credit attaches for the excellent manner in which he was conducting instruction on squad run No. 6 on 8 May 1944. This non-commissioned officer gave evidence of possessing not only a sound understanding of the principles of small infantry unit operation but characteristics of leadership of the quality desired within this division."

In another letter, addressed to Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander, Gen. Hibbs commended the regiment for "the manner in which the 254th Infantry took over its share of recent AAF personnel arrivals for their initial training period with the division."

Committee System Speeds Combat Training for Men

In with the problem of retraining hundreds of soldiers from other branches in three weeks in an unprecedented attempt to produce combat soldiers in that short time, Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding officer, 253d Inf., and his battalion and company commanders rolled up their collective sleeves and drove themselves and their men to the task which ended successfully last week.

With only 47 officers—10 of them borrowed from the field artillery—and 61 noncoms, Col. Lukert telescoped the regular training cycle and instituted the "Committee System" to which he gives full credit for the record-breaking training feat.

Col. Lukert declared, however, "Pleased as we are with the operation of the committee system in this, its first tryout, I still feel that for combat training, company control is best. In that way the platoon leader gets to know the particular qualifications of each man. However, under existing conditions, the committee system was our best alternative."

Higher Scores Made

As a direct result of the Com-

mittee System, plus a generous gob of elbow grease, Col. Lukert reported to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. commander, that the newcomers had not only assimilated all their combat training, but had made higher scores as a group in firing the M-1 than any other group trained in the 63d Div.

Both Gen. Hibbs, who commended Col. Lukert and officers and noncommissioned officers of the 253d Inf., and Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Comdr., approved the plan before it was put into force.

"Committee System sounds more like a meeting of a luncheon club rather than the best way to train American men for the rigors of combat in the toughest branch of the war—infantry," said Col. Lukert, who started his Army career 21 years ago as private.

Committee Teaches Subject

"Basically, this is what happened. Sixteen committees were set up in the regiment—one for each subject. Capt. Richard G. Cox, the regiment's S-2, for example, was chairman of the committee on elementary map and aerial photo reading. Maj. Thad

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Lt. Col. Glenn Y. Williamson

Chorus to Sing Activation Day

Auditions of candidates for the 63d Div. Chorus which will sing at Activation Day ceremonies, June 15, will be held at CT White Rec Hall, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1900 to 2200.

Sixty voices are needed for the chorus which is being sponsored by the Division Special Services Office.

Lt. Richard L. O'Connell, Div. Arty. Special Service officer, will supervise the chorus made up entirely of volunteers. Lt. O'Connell requests that "as much of the Division as possible be represented."

Cpl. Joseph Evans is in charge and will be assisted by Cpl. William Wood, Hq. Btry., 718th P. A.

Special Troops Open Club Today

Completely renovated and redecorated and with a new slate of officers, the Division Special Troops NCO Club is scheduled to reopen today after being closed for several weeks.

T/Sgt. Morris E. Masson of Division Ordnance was elected president at a meeting of the membership Monday night. Other officers are: Sgt. Gaetano Triano, Div. QM, vice-president; T/Sgt. Thomas E. Miller, Division Band, secretary; First Sgt. Leon Stahl, Recon. Trp., assistant secretary; T/3 Bernard Trocker, Div. Hq., treasurer, and T/5 Harold Ulrig, Recon. Trp., assistant treasurer.

Located on Fifth Avenue, the NCO club has been divided into two sections. One section, the smaller of the two, will contain a bar, card tables and facilities for other indoor games. The large room will be a combination lounge and dance pavilion. The room has been furnished with easy chairs, a couch, radio and piano.



"THIS IS THE WAY it's done," says Cpl. Marian Layton (right) of the WAC Detachment as she and her companions rehearse for "Oh My Back," 254th Inf. WAC-Soldier show, which will have its premier at Natchez, Wednesday. Others in the photo are, left to right: Pfc. Sally Dolin (seated), Cpl. Rose La Belle, T/4 Wanda Olscewska (seated), and Pfc. Lois Cole.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Division Chemical Office Supervises Training of Men in Chemical Warfare

(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 Division Chemical Office.)

Complementing the General Staff at Division Headquarters is the Special Staff composed of various highly technical and professional branches of service. One of the sections in this group is the 63d Div. Chemical Office, headed by Lt. Col. Glenn Y. Williamson and composed of specialists who in their supervisory capacity perform a function that has much to do with the physical protection of the combat soldier against war gases.

The section's principal job in garrison is preparation for and supervision of the training of the combat soldier in the chemical phase of warfare. It is its job never to let anyone, from KP to General, forget the terrific potential of chemicals in war.

Officers and enlisted men alike have been schooled for their respective tasks and there is much testimony to the fact that they have performed their tasks well.

The section has been commended by Army and Corps headquarters for the design and utilization of the chemical training area within the camp, an area whose beneficial features are unique with the 63d Div. Some methods and training aids employed in instruction have been so effective that the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., has adopted them for the enlightenment of officers from other organizations.

Co-ordinates and Advises

Conducting chemical warfare is not the role of this office. Like the four Gs allied with the General Staff it co-ordinates and advises. Various types of chemical organizations can be attached to the Division in the field to perform the tasks peculiar to this type of warfare, and the Division Chemical Officer is the intermediary between them and the Commanding General.

He also makes a chemical estimate of the battle situation and makes recommendations as to the employment of these attached troops. He prepares and initiates the plan for operations employing chemical agents, inspects gas discipline of the troops and is responsible for availability and serviceability of protective gas equipment.

The Division School conducted by the Chemical section trains unit gas officers and NCOs in the technique of chemical warfare, identification of war gases and protective measures which can be taken against them.

The area where much of this chemical training is done is the particular delight of Lt. Col. Williamson, for it was the development of this project with its fortified pillboxes, bunkers, gas-proof shelters, and squad runs for use of toxic chemicals which won commendation from headquarters.

Use of Chemical Heavy

Contrary to popular opinion that chemicals are not being used to any extent in this war, the CWS is working to capacity to fill demands for its service and equipment. Nearly 90 percent of the bomb loads over Berlin in recent raids have been WP (White Phos-

phorous) TH (Thermite) and IM (containing jellied gasoline)—all incendiary type bombs.

Since war chemicals are dispersed by airplane spray, bombs, cylinders, land mines, rockets, mortar and artillery shells it is apparent the full task could not be assigned to any one agency. The flame-throwers and 4.2 chemical



THE ACTIVITIES and results pictured above are planned, and accomplished through the function of the 63d Div. Chemical Office, a section of the Division Special Staff. The upper photo shows the burst of a WP (white phosphorous) battle grenade. The use of the spectacular flame thrower in an attack on a fortification is demonstrated at bottom left, while at right two members of the decontamination squad, dressed in gasproof clothing, neutralize a gassed area.



mortar—the latter a tremendously effective weapon—have been used to great advantage in almost all theaters of operation.

Whatever its function in combat the mission of this section in training is purely instructional. It must not only teach the soldier how to use his gas weapons efficiently but how to protect himself against the enemy's use of them. Each poster prominently displayed, each trip to the gas chamber, each demonstration in the field is an effort on the part of this section to justify its existence. It does all these things and more.

Ace of World War I Says His Record May Be Trebled

When Maj. Richard Bong shot down his 27th Jap plane, thereby passing Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I total of enemy aircraft destroyed in the air, Rickenbacker announced that he was sending the new champion a case of Scotch.

"I'm delighted," the old titleholder remarked. "I hope he gets 27 more."

Earlier, Rickenbacker had predicted that his record of 26 planes downed over Germany would be trebled by some U. S. flier in this war.

"Before the war is over, one of our fliers—if not five or six of them—will down 50 to 75 planes," he said.

Parallels Bong's Mark

Close on Maj. Bong's achievement in the Pacific area came that of Capt. Robert S. Johnson's. Capt. Johnson, 24-year-old flier from Lawton, Okla., bagged his 26th and 27th German planes Monday over Germany to become the first American pilot in Europe to surpass Capt. Rickenbacker's record.

Although Rickenbacker's 26 was the top score compiled by any U. S. flier during the last war, his record wasn't even close to that of Maj. Edward Mannock, of the RAF, whose World War I score was 73, one more than that of Capt. Billy Bishop, the famed Canadian ace. Ace of aces in the last war was Germany's Baron Manfred von Richtofen, who downed 81 Allied planes before he was shot down by a Canadian rookie flying in his first combat formation.

In this war, two Jap-killing Marines, Maj. Joe Foss and Maj. Greg Boyington, tied Rickenbacker's American record before Bong broke it. Top Yank in the ETO

is AAF Capt. Don Gentile, whose bag totaled 30, including 23 destroyed in the air and seven on the ground.

Finucane Had 32

The RAF's Wing Cmdr. Paddy Finucane had 32 enemy planes to his credit the day he radioed, "This is it, chaps, as his plane dived into the English channel and Russian Maj. Alexander Pokryshkin has 59 and is still active. Nazi propagandists insist that a Luftwaffe colonel named Wilke had bagged 151 Allied planes before he was shot down in a recent dog fight. Previous Nazi high claim was 115 for Col. Werner Molders, who was killed in 1941.

Some commanders, notably Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, chief of the 14th AAF, don't publicize their pilots' combat totals. Others refuse to count planes destroyed on the ground. Bong's 27 kills, for instance, all were made in the air.

Bong, who says he takes no unnecessary chances in the air because he "wants to get back alive," holds 20 decorations topped by the Distinguished Service Cross which he won last October 23. He also holds the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four clusters and the Air Medal with 11 clusters.

Incidentally, Bong never did receive that case of Scotch from Rickenbacker. Fact is, he doesn't drink. So Rickenbacker sent him a case of cokes instead.

In the past two years Tech. Sergeant Arthur Grigsby of the Anti-aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C., has snapped over five thousand pictures for the Army, but has never allowed anyone to take a picture of him.

The Wolf by Sansone



"If you spent less time in bed 'n' more time studyin', you'd make PFC too!"

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service—8:30.
Chapels 7, 8, 10—9:00.
Chapels 1, 6, 8, 10—10:00.
Chapels 5, 6, 7, 10—11:00.
Chapel 8, Lutheran Communion Service—11:00.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
Chapel 6, Concert Hour, Sunday—1:30.
Chapel 8, Sunday—1:30.
Co. A Day Room, 263d Engr., Sunday—1:15.
Chapel 6, Twilight Concert Hour, Wednesday—2:00.
Chapel 5, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday—1:00.
Chapel 5, C. Rehearsal, Thursday—2:00.
Chapel 7, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—1:30.
Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1:30.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses
Chapels 5, 7, 10—6:00.
Theater 5—6:00.
Chapel 7—10:00.
Theater 1—10:30.
CT Blue Rec. Hall—11:00.
Week Day Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1:30.
Chapel 7, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1:30.
Chapel 10, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday—1:00.
Chapel 10, Tuesday, Novena and Benediction—1:30.
Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1:30.

Confessions

Chapels 5, 7, 10, Saturday, 1:30 to 2:00.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday
Hospital—1:30.
Chapel 7—2:00.
Sunday
Chapel 9—11:00.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel 5, Sunday—1:30.
LATER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—1:00.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday—1:30.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

All this past week I've been working like hell with these new men of mine trying to get them to do that base of fire and assault business in the approved Blood and Fire style, so my mind kind of turns to it when I start my weekly chore.

The other day when I jumped on one of my men for ceasing fire



when the assault began he said he did it because he was afraid he'd hit somebody up there—that overseas was soon enough for that stuff. This reminded me of a conversation I had with a chap who had just returned from Italy. He said this idea a lot of people have that there's no use worrying about using cover and digging in and covering an assault by fire now—that when we get where the bullets are flying we'll do plenty of it... is a bunch of baloney.

He said that his experience had been that soldiers in combat do just what they have been trained to do before hand; those who have been trained to dig... dig, and those who haven't... don't and die. According to him it took one platoon leader two or three months to dope out that the best way to attack an enemy position was to put down a base of fire and flank it, and he'd lost plenty of men learning this simple lesson. No, you've got to learn now if you want to have a good chance of coming back in one piece. This chap who was afraid he'd hit somebody and I sat down and had a little talk.

It went something like this: Me: "Did you see that platoon in attack exercise last week?" Him: "Yes, Sarge."

Me: "Why do you suppose they showed it to you if they didn't want you to copy it?" Him: "But, Sarge, those are old soldiers who have been working together a long time and know each other. You can't expect us to do it like that."

Me: "Oh, yeh! That platoon you saw had never worked together until they rehearsed it the day before, although I grant you that they were home-grown hot shots,

like you are going to be shortly. It's an individual proposition. Each man in that base of fire just makes certain that he doesn't hit his buddy up there."

Him: "I'm beginning to see, Sarge."

Me: "If, when your buddy comes charging in, you keep shooting and lead him by a couple of fingers and keep your head and don't bounce any ricochets off trees he's as safe as if he was in a church as far as you are concerned. But, let's see what happens if you don't shoot. The enemy up there in those foxholes is a lot closer to your buddy than you are and you should be able to see that if you



don't keep his (the enemy's) head down while your friend is running in and unable to protect himself for the time being the enemy is going to raise up and it will be like shooting stone ducks in a 22-rifle gallery, and you'll be guilty of aiding and abetting the enemy in murdering him."

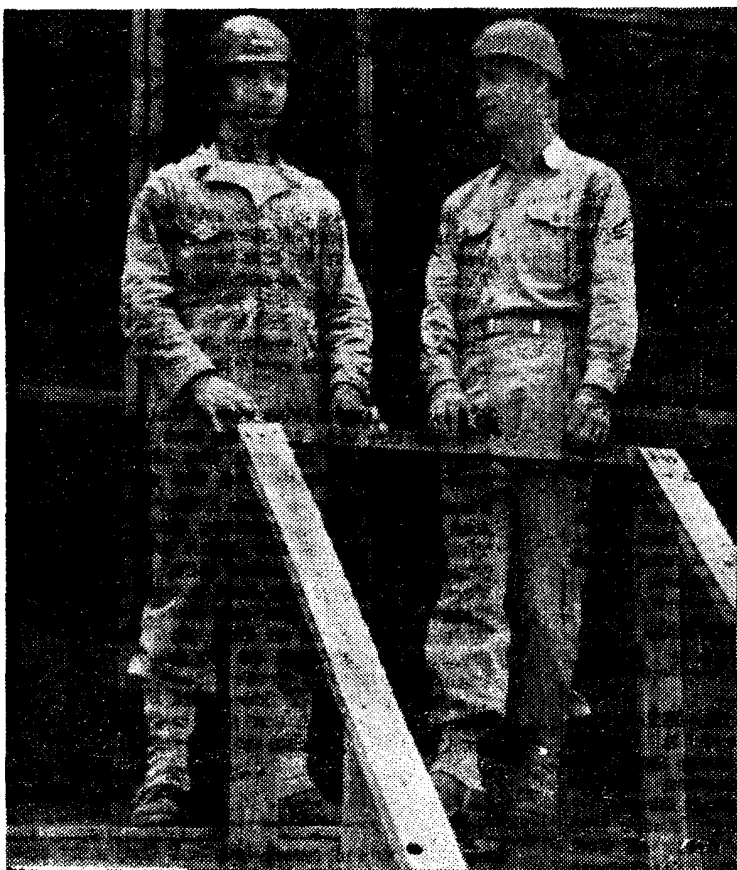
Him: "O. K., Sarge, you win. I'll do it."

And he did the next time and did a fine job of it. War is a terrible thing and the fires of battles are hotter than hell. Learn to do these things now and you'll be a veteran when you get in the bullet-swept zone. If you don't, you've got to learn and dodge bullets at the same time and the chances are you'll get it in the neck.

Engineers Hold Dance At Special Troop Hall

One of the most successful dances of the season was staged by the 263d Combat Engineers Bn. at Special Troops Rec Hall, Friday, May, 12. Scores of girls from Baton Rouge and the WAC Detachment brightened the already festive occasion.

Decorations and refreshments by S/Sgt. Morris Gordon, Pfc. Carl Fink and Pfc. Louis Bluefield, and music by a 63d Div. Band highlighted the affair.



IT'S A SMALL WORLD, is a saying that came true for First Lt. John D'Amico and Cpl. Al Doherty of Co. G, 255th Inf. Lt. D'Amico and Cpl. Doherty entered the Army at the same time, went through basic training together as privates at Camp Gruber, Okla. After basic they were separated for 2 1/2 years, serving at various stations throughout the United States. Recently Cpl. Doherty was transferred from the air cadet training to the infantry and landed in the 63d Div. His commanding officer in Co. G is Lt. D'Amico.



SPOTTING ground installations with the unerring eye of his super-lensed camera is the work of T/5 Raymond Dailey of the 861st F. A. He is shown with Lt. Harold G. Green in the cockpit of a Piper Cub L-4 which is used by the Artillery for observation over enemy lines.

Division Chaplain Is Church Canon

Lt. Col. William E. Patrick, Division Chaplain, has been appointed honorary canon at St. James Cathedral, Fresno, Calif., it was learned this week. The Chaplain received official notification from the Very Rev. James M. Malloch, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral.

During his sixteen years pastorate at St. Paul's Church, Bakersfield, Calif., prior to his return to military duty in February, 1941, Chaplain Patrick had taken an active part in the Diocesan affairs of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary District of San Joaquin, which includes fourteen counties in central California.

Offices held at various times by the Chaplain were as follows: President of the Bishop's Council of Advice; Vice-President of the Diocesan Executive Council; Rural Dean of the Southern Deanery; Dean of the San Joaquin Summer School; Clerical Deputy to the General Convention of the Church and Delegate to the Provincial Synod.

The action of the Cathedral Chapter in making Chaplain Patrick an honorary Canon is a mark of recognition both of his long service to San Joaquin and of his distinguished career in the Army Chaplain's Corps in two wars.

Rudibaugh to Manage CT Red Dance Band

Popularity of the 16-piece 253d Inf. orchestra, which has averaged four engagements a week since its organization, today decided Capt. Richard G. Cox, acting special service officer, to name T/5 Charles Rudibaugh of Service Co., business manager. Rudibaugh, a graduate in commerce of Grove City College, Pa., doubles in brass in the orchestra's trumpet section.

Capt. Cox took over supervision of the orchestra's activities in addition to his regular duties as intelligence officer of the regiment because Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, special service officer, and organizer of the band, is still confined to Station Hospital.

Rudibaugh will clear all band dates, arrange radio appearances and keep track of the orchestra's bank balance, which is used to buy music, Capt. Cox said. The band plays free for regimental dances and company day-room parties.

Burmese Sympathize With General Stilwell

BURMA (CNS)—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was crouched in the bottom of a fragile Chinese river boat when it pulled up to a dock here. "Look at that poor man," said one of the native dockworkers. "He must be over 60."

Gen. Stilwell translated this conversation to his companions. "See," he remarked wryly, "you've got to take a lot of insults when you get to be my age."

Lensman Rides Flying Jeep As Spotter for 861st F. A.

The man on the flying trapeze has nothing on the official "flying photographer" of CT Red, T/5 Raymond Dailey, 35-year-old former professional photographer now assigned to 861st F. A.

Almost any day that the weather is clear finds Dailey in one of the 10 "flying jeeps" that scoot the skies over Camp Van Dorn, taking aerial pictures for his artillery unit and for the 253d Inf., other half of the combat team.

20 Pound Camera Dailey balances a super-lensed, 20-pound aerial camera on his knees as he leans out the plane while it whisks along at a speed of 50 miles per hour.

It's Dailey's favorite pilot, Lt.

Army Helps Soldier Find Missing Brother

T/5 Joseph S. Kaselonis, Co. A, 255th, has great reason to be grateful to the War Department, he says.

When he was three years old, the Kaselonis family, of Mt. Carmel, Penn., was broken up by deaths and the four children separated. That was 30 years ago.

When he entered the Army in September, Kaselonis contacted the War Department in search of his brothers. Back came the information that one brother, Frank, had been in the service 17 years and is a Sgt. somewhere in the Pacific. The two exchanged letters and pictures and now are anxious to meet after the war.

Meanwhile, T/5 Kaselonis, who is married and has a home in New York City, still is looking for his other brother. The fourth member of the family, a sister, lives in Philadelphia.

Harold G. Green of Warren, Pa., who maneuvers the Piper Cub L-4 so that the intrepid cameraman can snap pictures which clearly show battle emplacements, foxholes and gun dispositions. In combat this plane is used to direct artillery fire as well as to inform regimental intelligence chiefs of the salient terrain features and enemy location. Right now similar planes are giving the Nazis in Italy plenty of trouble.

Author of more than 20,000 pictures, Dailey has made as many as 100 a day in the 20 years he's been a shutterbug. He owned his own studio for the past 10 years. Right now he's training 15 assistants.

Home Made Studio Dailey's "studio" in Hq. Btry. is home made from field expedients and includes tarpaper, scrap lumber and plenty of ingenuity. In addition to taking aerial photos, developing his own film, making prints and teaching classes, he's the company mailman.

His unique assignment is the "brain child" of Maj. D. C. Beere, commanding officer, and Capt. Harry A. Miller, 361st F. A. liaison officer with the 253d Inf.

Men of Battery C, 718th Stage Second Party

Men of Battery C, 718th F. A. Bn., held their second party last week in the 718th Noncom's club.

With members of the WAC Detachment and civilian girls as guests, the Artillerymen danced the evening away to music from a six-piece orchestra composed of men of the Division band.

Acting Battery Comm. Lt. Robert E. Platt was the guest of honor. Battalion staff officers and officers from other batteries were also present.

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EDITORIAL CONSIDERATION

In civilian life consideration for the rights of others is a gracious virtue.

In Army life, in which so many thousands of soldiers are working, eating and sleeping in close quarters, "Consideration" becomes obligatory on the part of every man who considers himself above the beasts of the field.

An Army's morale stems partly from the ability of its personnel to live together harmoniously by respecting the rights of every individual.

All of which brings us to the regrettable instance of chronic selfishness displayed by the few "smart alics" whose vocal efforts have ruined motion picture shows in camp theaters for the many whose taste runs to "professional talent!"

Hisses, boos and "wise-cracks" went out of style along with custard pie-throwing. Raising a rumpus, in the manner of a spoiled brat when the picture doesn't please him, is not only annoyingly juvenile but is also inconsiderate, ill-mannered and UNSOLDIERLY.

There are at least three alternatives to the boorish demonstrations that are recurring with alarming frequency. They are:

Suffer silently.

Walk out of the theater.

Stay away from camp theaters altogether.

SAFETY FIRST

Traffic control rules and regulations are not just whipped up because of somebody's whim. There's usually a sane, safety reason behind all traffic laws.

Specifically, have men of the 63d Div. been careless about obeying the regulations concerning personnel not in formation.

Section XI, Par. 2, of Camp Regulations says:

"Within or outside the camp, on all roads and highways, personnel not in formation will walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic."

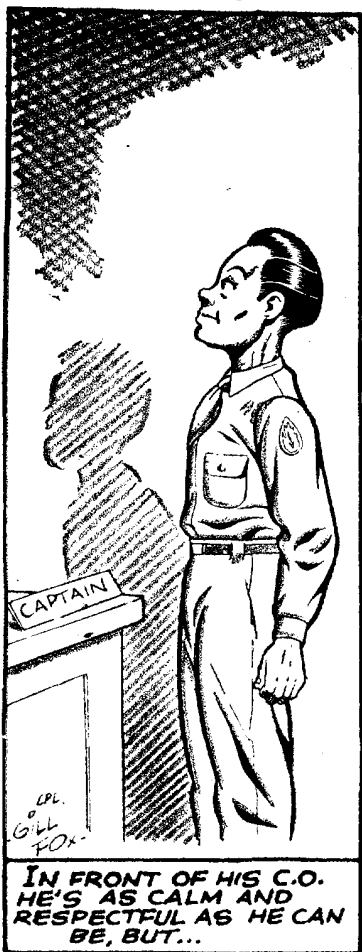
While some star-gazers may forget the law, others deliberately violate the regulations set up for their own safety, by walking not only on the wrong side of the road but, in some cases, in the middle of the highway.

This condition is especially prevalent among after theater crowds which choke the roads, forcing motor traffic to halt. This is particularly dangerous at night and in wet weather, when visibility is almost "zero."

The Camp Provost Marshal's Office stresses the fact that soldiers should walk ON THE SHOULDER, not on the road itself. If you insist on walking on the macadamized section of the road you are violating Camp Regulations, in addition to risking your own safety.

The saying "All Roads Lead to Rome" has been taken out and dusted off once more now that the Allied thrust in Italy has been revived with new and satisfying results.

The Jekyll and Hyde of Van Dorn



IN FRONT OF HIS C.O. HE'S AS CALM AND RESPECTFUL AS HE CAN BE, BUT...



...WATCH HIS CHARACTER CHANGE IF HE DISLIKES THE PICTURE IN A CAMP THEATRE..

News from Here and There

WAC Celebrated Second Birthday on May 16

Washington (CNS)—The soldier in skirts observed the second birthday of her branch of the Army May 16.

The occasion actually marked the anniversary of the Women's Army Corps' forerunner, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, created by congressional legislation May 14, 1942. Two days later Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, of Houston, Tex., took the oath as director of the WAAC. It was more than a year before the Auxiliary was actually taken into the Army and its name changed to Women's Army Corps.

Speedy Reverse Saves Two Yanks in a Jeep

ITALY (CNS)—Lt. Leo French, of Texas, and Cpl. Perry Brown, of North Carolina, were bouncing along a rutty front-line road in a jeep when suddenly a slug bounced off the officer's helmet.

At the same moment a large, grim shape loomed out of the darkness before them. It was a deadly German "flak" wagon, vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns capable of being used for ground fire.

Lt. French threw the jeep into reverse. Back went the jeep, veering from side to side like mad. Out of the front seat flew Cpl. Brown, carried into the air by the rapid reverse.

The lieutenant stopped the car, picked up Brown, turned around, and whooped away, flak falling around them like sleet in Minnesota. They arrived at our lines uninjured, save for Brown's nose, which had been skinned in the ditch.

GI Slogs 200 Miles To See Brother in Italy

ITALY (CNS)—Cpl. Andrew Sumakis, of New York, is an infantryman here. His brother, S/Sgt. Constantine Sumakis, flies around in a Liberator. When the two decided to get together for the first time in a year it was poor old Andrew who had to hike 200 miles across Italy to visit his brother. They chatted an hour and then Andrew hiked back.

Soldier Vote Laws Pass in Three States

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The states of Maine, North Dakota and Oklahoma recently have enacted new soldier-voting laws making it possible for eligible voters in these states to apply for a ballot by sending the official WD post card (WD AGO Form 560) to their respective secretaries of state.

Sleepy GIs Aroused By Wide-awake Beauty

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cafe Zanzibar, a New York night spot, is doing its part in this war. The club has hired a beautiful girl whose sole duty is to awaken soldiers on furlough in Gotham. All a GI has to do is tell the Zanzibar when he wants to get up and the beautiful girl will buzz him in the morning, talk to him soothingly for a few moments, and speed him on his way.

Ace Ties Bong, Gentile; Downs 27 Nazi Planes

ENGLAND (CNS)—Capt. Robert Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., a Thunderbolt pilot, tied the American fighter ace record when he shot down two Nazi planes on a recent mission bringing his total to 27 planes destroyed in the air.

Sharing Capt. Johnson's record is Maj. Richard Bong, AAF, with 27 Japanese planes downed. Capt. Don Gentile, of Piqua, Ohio, has downed 23 planes in the air and seven more on the ground.

Captain Gets Assist As Stray Bomb Detours

ENGLAND (CNS)—Capt. Hiram Conant, of Cambridge, Mass., looked out the window of the bomber he was flying over Germany and saw a 500-pound bomb rolling around on the wing. The bomb, dropped by a plane in Capt. Conant's own formation, finally rolled off and exploded on a military target below.

Speed Expensive Habit For Montgomery Driver

LONDON (CNS)—Arthur Haylock, who was Gen. Montgomery's chauffeur before he was discharged from the British army, can't break himself of the habit of fast driving. The other day he was fined \$10 for speeding in London.

Fought for Sandino, Now He's in U. S. Army

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Michael Aosta, 33, must have a feeling of greater security these days. He is behind an American service rifle instead of facing them.

Seventeen years ago, Aosta was a lieutenant in the army of Gen. Augusto Sandino, the Nicaraguan revolutionary who was battling U. S. Marines. Sandino was Aosta's uncle.

Mike tired of fighting after three years of it. He was wounded and subsequently went AWOL from his uncle's army. He wound up in Chicago where he studied engineering.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Grant E. Mann
(Division Artillery)

Having flown continually for nine hours at a high velocity of speed in ceiling zero weather—the pilots, navigator and crew of a giant new B-29 bomber were feeling nervous and exhausted. The rain, sleet and fog presented the men with a seemingly formidable barrier. The blackness of the night as thrown together with the elements, was ever reminding them of the great obstacle they had to overcome in order to reach their home base safely.

"Navigator to pilot—Navigator to pilot—home base directly below."

The great ship slowly shifted through the cloud banks. With the aid of the powerful floodlights the plane was able to make a safe landing at its point of origin.

Today we are confronted with the task of navigating our country through the great storm of human turmoil.

The navigator, working with the pilots and crew obtains his information from the heavens to plot his course. Likewise can we, working with God as the Pilot, who gave us our original bearings, better prepare ourselves to surmount any obstacles that may hinder our efforts towards carrying the national emergency to a successful conclusion.

Closer communion with the Lord in our chapel services will undoubtedly be of great aid to us in our present task of winning the war.

Let's attend church somewhere every Sunday. We'll find something there which will aid us to do better. Know your Chaplain. He will be glad to talk to you.

G. I. Jingles

THREE AND TWENTY

Parody to "When I Was One and Twenty,"
A. E. Houseman

When I was three and twenty
I heard a draft board say,
You're gonna be a soldier
Before another day.
You'll have to march and drill, son—
They'll double-time you, too,
And we don't mean the dough you get
For extra work you do.

When I was three and twenty
I heard the draft board say—
Get ready, son, you're going
To make that train today.
But I was three and twenty,
And pretty cocky, too—
Now I am four and twenty,
And oh, 'tis true,
—Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit,
Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th

WE ARE THE MEN

We are the men of hate and ire,
We are the men of Blood and Fire!
Our destination is Berlin—
The goal of all true combat men.
Our faith is high, our souls are pure,
Our muscles hard, our aim is sure;
Hard fighters all, we've got the stuff
To make the Axis cry "Endugh!"

We are the men who never tire,
We are the men of Blood and Fire;
Our purpose is to sock the Hun
And put the Jappies on the run.
First we will take that Hitler beast
And on the Wilhelmstrasse feast;
Thence on across the ocean wide,
Clear over on the other side,
To where the rising sun comes up—
That's where we get our dander up.
We'll march right on through Tokyo
Singing our anthem as we go,
Fighters all, who never tire—
We are the men of Blood and Fire!
Our muscles hard, our aim is sure;
And put the Jappies on the run.
—By Pfc. Sammie Brugh
Service Co., 253d Inf.

The only friend much-bombed Germany seems to have these days is the weather. Overcast has kept Allied planes from their regular runs over Nazi industrial targets during the past week.

Yep, there'll be a second front of a sort when vacation comes and the small boys start their maneuvers.

Ex-Doughboy Stars In Show at CT Red

Led by a former doughboy who was taking combat training himself just a few months ago, the first USO troupe in the country to play a bivouac appeared Tuesday night before a large audience at CT Red Rec. Hall, under the auspices of the 254d Inf. Special Service Office.

Enthusiastically applauded 38-year-old Bill Sweeney, talkative trickster, mystified the infantrymen with his array of magic. Up until last August Sweeney was putting in a year's service in the Army at Camp Livingston, and Camp Gordon Johnson. Before coming into the Army he worked with Silent Mora, internationally-famed magician.

Sweeney is manager of the USO troupe of five—three men and two girls—the first USO unit to perform at a bivouac, 12,000 feet up in the Colorado mountains, for ski-troops based at Camp Hale.

Charles Wilson, master of ceremonies, who played on the Fibber McGee and Molly radio show and "That Brewster Boy," scored with hot violin jazz. Nineteen-year-old Ed Rodney, Chicago, received repeated calls with his accordion renditions. Other hits of the show were Brunette Tebett Citron, 15-year-old beauty who formerly sang with Ted Weems, Tiny Hill and Xavier Cugat and tap-dancing Mary Claire of Chicago, a willowy contortionist and acrobatic dancer.

The 253d orchestra played for the performance.

863d Men Dance To Pablo's Music

With Don Pablo's orchestra furnishing music a la Wayne King, enlisted men of the 863d F. A. held a large dance at the CT Blue Rec. Hall last Friday night.

Girls from Natchez and Crosby in addition to wives and sweethearts of the men were welcomed by 1st Sgt. Thomas W. Andrews. Decorations were handled by 1st Sgts. Cecil Patterson and James Goodson. While 1st Sgt. Gene Andre and S/Sgt. Wilbur High-tower supplied the refreshments.

Featured during the evening's festivities were three dance contests engineered by 1st Sgt. Earl C. Parris. Cpl. Edwin Leja and Miss Betty Lee won the Jitterbug contest, Cpl. and Mrs. Lufe Dixon won the waltz contest, and a novelty dance was won by Cpl. and Mrs. George Gries.

T/4 Ted Lettner was the master of ceremonies.

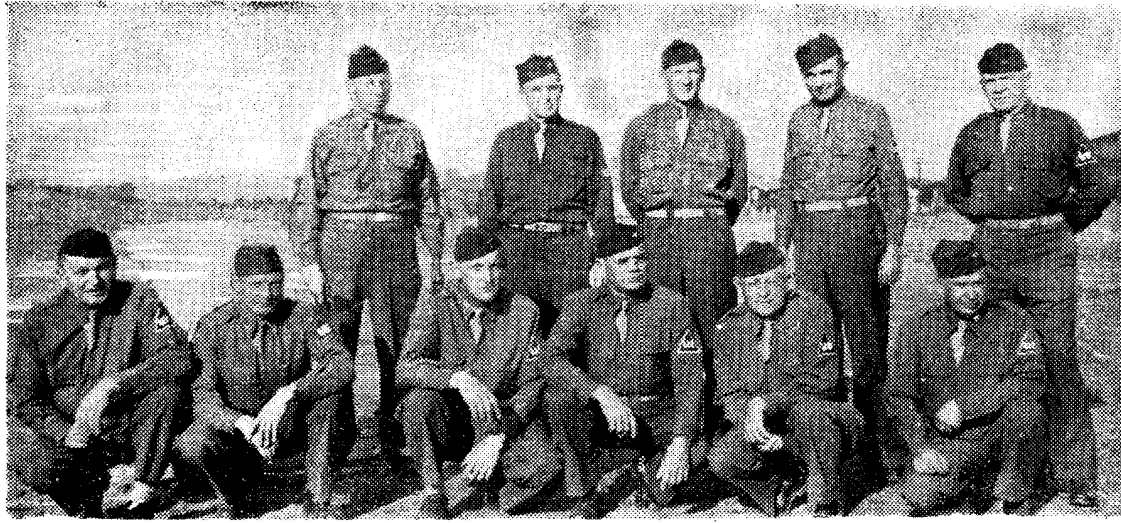
Chaplain Patrick Speaks On Gloster USO Program

Division soldiers were hosts at a special Mother's Day program last Sunday afternoon at the Gloster USO, at which Division Chaplain, Lt. Col. William E. Patrick read a special message.

Musical entertainment included solos by vocalist T/5 Mordecai Bauman, former concert singer, and violin selections by Pvt. Sam Savar. T/5 Daniel Y. Mendelsohn accompanied the artists.

Soldiers served refreshments to more than forty Gloster mothers.

French soldiers are being trained at Ft. Meade, Md., and more are expected shortly. They are commanded by two French lieutenants who escaped from Nazi prison camps.



DEPARTING with the thanks and well-wishes of 63d Div. personnel are the 11 Civilian Automotive Advisors pictured above who helped develop the present high standard of efficiency evident in the motor program. The men leaving the Division after a year of service to assume other assignments, are (left to right, front row): Turner A. Derrer, Carl W. Hoffman, Charles W. Howenstein, William L. Norris, Lucius H. Allspach and Charles W. Klahre; (standing) Charles L. James, Wayne L. Perry, Milton I. Hudson, Buford S. Warr and Samuel L. Burke.

Officer Lauds Departing CAA

The last of the group of Civilian Automotive Advisors, who for a year aided 63d Div. motor personnel in problems of maintenance and development of maximum efficiency, completed their terms of duty this week and left to assume other assignments.

Prior to their departure the Advisors were afforded no little amount of satisfaction by the excellent results achieved by the Division in a recent Fourth Army Ordnance Inspection. Lt. Col. Frederick C. Johnson, Division Ordnance officer, attributed much credit for the high standard of efficiency displayed by the tested motor personnel to the perseverance and technical skill of the CAA.

Composing the group which became affiliated with the Ordnance section while the Division was still at Camp Blanding, Fla., are Wayne L. Perry, Charles W. Howenstein, Samuel L. Burke, Charles W. Klahre, Turner A. Derrer, Buford S. Warr, Milton I. Hudson, Carl W. Hofmann, William L. Norris, Charles L. James and Lucius H. Allspach.

'Cards' Tie 'Yanks' In Orientation Quiz

Third battalion "Cards" came from behind to tie the 1st Bn. "Yanks" in a two-inning orientation quiz ball game which was part of the 254th Inf. orientation program. A box of cigars offered to the winners by Maj. William Keane was split by the two battalions.

"Pitchers" Lt. Thomas Donnelly, 1st Bn. and Lt. John Foster, 3d Bn., orientation officers, hurled all kinds of questions ranging from battle zones, military leaders and foreign capitals to the name of our new secretary of the Navy.

First battalion players were: Sgt. Donald Gulmon, Sgt. John Anderson, Sgt. Warren Arnold, Sgt. Harry Joehnk, S/Sgt. Albert Berka, Cpls. Thomas Heffernan, Rexford Collins and Willard Toussaint.

Third battalion men included: S/Sgt. Danny Redden, Sgt. Henry Greenberg, Cpl. Richard Wanamaker, Cpl. Homer Clark, S/Sgt. James Paton, Sgt. Peter Noon, Cpl. John Connolly, Sgt. Richard Robb and Pvt. James Hanna.

Capt. James Albert, 2d Bn. executive officer, umpired the game.

Possible Invasion Routes Discussed at 254th Forum

Possible invasion routes were traced across the map of Europe last week by speakers at the 254th Inf. orientation programs held Friday and Saturday mornings for groups "D" and "E" at Theater No. 5. The forum dealt largely with land routes from England, Russia and the Mediterranean.

Opening the forum T/5 Nathan Guttman, Serv. Co., said the invasion of Europe had already started with the Allied thrust in Italy and the Red Army's victorious procession across the Romanian and Polish borders.

"We are on the threshold of invading Hitler's inner fortress; those vital zones without which his war machine will collapse," he said.

Comparing the present aerial bombardments with the Nazi blitz on London, Guttman pointed out that the entire London blitz of nine months added up to less than one good day's bombing by the Allied raiders.

Pvt. Guy Gramley, who visited England, France and Germany in 1939-40, described what the Allied invaders would be faced with across the channel.

"From Narvik in Northern Norway to Bordeaux in Southern

France, are a vast chain of defenses, the weakest link of which we are trying to find," he said.

"Although the most direct routes are the ports of Bmden and Hamburg the German "Gibraltar," Helgoland and the Nazi submarine bases in the North sea bar our paths," he said. "The most heavily fortified positions are directly across the narrow Strait of Dover where the Germans have 30 divisions along the coast and an estimated 60 mobile divisions in reserve," he explained, adding that "We must knock out 50 per cent of their ability to wage war, by bombing before the invasion starts."

Pvt. Victor Baum, former student of political science at the University of Michigan, reviewed the possibilities of new invasions from the Mediterranean. He showed the difficulties lying in the path of a drive across Southern France, where the Pyrenees mountains and the French Alps are natural barriers.

Baum stressed that the Italian campaign was not a complete failure for it had cleared the Mediterranean for Allied shipping and had given us the important air base of Foggia, from which we can easily bomb the Balkans and Germany.

"Victory on the beaches and battlefields will depend upon whose will is stronger, whose wits keener and whose gumption greater. It will depend not only upon planes but upon men," he quoted military leaders.

Tackling the problem from the East, Cpl. Samuel Clark, former professor of history at Franklin and Marshall college, declared that the Red Army was timing its next thrust to be of "most benefit when the strike from the West comes." "The most direct route to Berlin is through Lwow and Warsaw," he stated, "but the Pripet marshes narrow the front and allow the Germans to mass their strength. A drive from the Baltic countries would also be across relatively good fighting plains." Clark minimized potential aid from the underground, citing Italy as an example of overestimating native military resources.

After a series of questions from the floor, Guttman concluded the discussion.

Cpl. Clark presented highlights of the week's news before opening the forum, which was under the direction of Lt. George S. Hoar, 254th Inf. orientation officer.

862d F. A. Noncoms Train as Observers

Nine noncommissioned officers of the 862d F. A. had their first experience at conducting fire with 105 mm service ammunition Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with the newly-expanded training program for artillery-infantry liaison units.

All the noncoms are members of the liaison sections or forward observer parties of the battalion, which started a six-week period Monday of living, eating, training and sleeping with their associated infantry units of CT White.

Increased emphasis on the use and training of enlisted men as artillery observers is the result of current information coming back from combat zones. In the battle areas, it has been reported that, in order to supply the infantry with the amount of shell fire needed, many more observers are required than the number of officers available within the battalions.

The NCOs who fired problems were S-Sgts. Natale Salerno and Laurenz Beckwith, Sgts. Stanley Davids and John W. Bland, and Cpl. Marriott Haines, of Hq. Btry. liaison sections; Cpl. Saul J. Newton, Btry. A, forward observer team; T/4 Thomas O'Donnell and Cpl. William Grey, Btry. B forward observer team; and S/Sgt. Joseph P. Whalen, Btry. C chief of detail.

Lt. Col. James H. Lightfoot, battalion commander, who supervised the service practice, said he was well pleased with the performance of the noncoms and that the procedure would be followed at the practice each week, in addition to the regular firing by the officers.

Arty. Rec. Hall Made Glamorous

The Div. Arty. Rec Hall is undergoing a beauty treatment which Lt. Richard L. O'Connell, Div. Arty. Special Services Officer says will make it as glamorous as any in the division.

Cpl. Howard Van Dyck, Hq. Btry., former commercial artist is in charge of designing the hall and painting a mural on the rear wall.

"This is a recreation hall," said Lt. O'Connell, "and we're trying to make the atmosphere festive by using as much 'circus' coloring as possible. The wooden strips on the exterior of the building will be painted bright yellow in contrast to the bright red coloring of our division insignia and another red and white sign bearing the words 'Division Artillery,' which will flank the facade of the hall. Landscaping will also be included in the beauty treatment and the grass and shrubs will be surrounded by a rustic fence."

Poles Cut in Winter Sprout Green in Spring

Nature played a trick on Capt. George C. Whitney, commanding officer, Serv. Co., 255th Inf.

The captain, an amateur artist who likes nothing better than to spend a day in the woods with his easel and brush, sent a detail into the country last fall to cut poles to be used as bedding-racks.

Now, with everything else leafing and greening as is natural in springtime, the bedding-racks, too, refused to die. A couple of them have sprouted and are blooming all over the company area.

BERNIE BLOOD

Father's Day?

By GILL FOX



Three Teams Deadlock for Baseball Lead

Stewart of 255th Pitches No-Hitter to Blank Co. L, 9-0

Cpl. Lovell Stewart, pitching for Co. L, 255th Inf., in a CT Blue Softball League game accounted for the second no-hit, no-run victory of the season when he blanked Co. L, 9-0, this week.

While he and his mates were collecting eight safeties off 1st Sgt. Bill Smith, Stewart faced only 22 men in the seven innings he hurled. The only man to reach base got there on an error.

Big noise in the attack on Smith's offerings was a second-inning home run by Sgt. Gamiela, Co. I infielder, who tabbed two of his team's eight hits.

Credit for the first such victory went to Sgt. Joe Buckley, of Btry. A, 862d F. A. who also won by 9-0 in setting down Hq. Btry. without a safety, last week.

Outstanding developments in the chase for the Division championship won last year by Div. Hq., found CT Blue reaching the halfway mark in its schedule with four teams out of 25 still undefeated, and Special Troops section of the Green League being led by the 763d Ord. Co. and the 563d Sig. Co. with four victories and two defeats each.

The unbeaten CT Blue tens are Co. D, 1st Bn. leader, 3-0; Co. I, 3d Bn. leader, 4-0; Cn. Co. Special Units leader 4-0, and Btry. C, Btry. League leader, 2-0.

Signal Co. was credited with dropping Div. Hq. out of the circuit lead when W/O Harold Hutchison hurled two-hit ball to score a 3-1 decision.

Cpl. Joe Lane, of Co. C, 253d Inf., produced another commendable pitching job in helping his team to a 5-2 victory over Co. B in their CT Red meeting. The rangy Tennesseean allowed only three hits.

Another mound performance of note emanated from competition in CT White where Cpl. Stanley Sebastian, of Serv. Btry., 862d F. A., scored an 8-0 shutout of Hq. Btry. allowing only two hits.



SHUTOUT BALL was pitched by Cpl. Lovell Stewart of Co. I, 255th Inf., during the past week when he set the men of Co. L, down without a hit or a run in a CT Blue Softball League game. The final score was 9-0.

G-3 Officer Fine Athlete As Cadet at The Citadel

Capt. Joseph H. Hughes, Jr., liaison officer at G-3, has traveled in some fast company, athletically speaking.

As tailback on The Citadel's football team, this 26-year-old Floridian smacked up against such rugged individuals as George Cefego, of Tennessee, Art Rooney, North Carolina, and Banks McFadden of Clemson. They all

achieved national gridiron recognition.

Tough Competition

In the shadow of brilliance such as theirs, Capt. Hughes modestly rates himself, "hardly one to write about." Yet, delving into his athletic activities at one of the nation's oldest and finest military schools, the facts surely lift him out of the run of average athletes. Those who are acquainted with the Glenn (Pop) Warner system of offensive football appreciate the importance attached to the tailback spot—and the all-around ability required of the fellow doing the job. Against Southern Conference opposition such as was offered by Duke, Clemson, VMI and North Carolina, Hughes was in there regularly during the seasons of 1938 and 1939.

His talents, however, did not stop with football. As a member of the track team, he dashed the 100 yards in 19 seconds, and held down third base on the baseball team. He won his share of bouts as a contender for welterweight boxing honors on a better-than-average team that was to win the Southern Conference championship. While in college he boxed at 147 pounds. Now he packs 177 pounds on his six-foot frame.

Loyal to Alma Mater

If the Captain is reluctant to set himself up as something more than the run-of-the-mill college athlete, he is, on the other hand, vociferous in his esteem for the source of his military education.

Presided over by the former United States Army chief of staff, Gen. Charles P. Sumner, The Citadel at Charleston, S. C. is patterned in operation and uniform after West Point. Its past is storied with the exploits of its graduates, among whom were the men who fired the shots at Ft. Sumter which inaugurated the Civil War.

Captain Hughes, currently makes his home at Natchez with his wife, Mary Jane, and 2-year-old daughter, Pat.

Rally in Last Inning Helps Battery B Win

A six-run rally in the last inning gave Baker Battery a 6-1 victory over Charlie in the 718th F. A. Bn. softball league Saturday. It was the second straight win scored by Battery B over Battery C.

Battery C001 000 0-1
Battery B000 000 6-5

Dirty Dunking

The Navy took a "bath," accompanied by Columbia, when the dirty, choppy Harlem river capsized their respective junior varsity shells during the course of the first regatta of the Eastern collegiate rowing season recently.

No members of either crew competing in a triangular regatta with Cornell was hurt but the varsity race, scheduled an hour later was called off.

255th Gls Compete In Military Meet

Something unique in the sports line, a military track and field program, was scheduled to be staged this morning by CT Blue, having been postponed from last Saturday when it was decided to increase the scope of activities.

Conceived by Lt. Mike Naddeo, 255th Regtl. sp. serv. officer, and arranged under the supervision of T/5 Alex Seigel, the affair encompasses such things as tent pitching, display of full field equipment, break down and assembly, game of grenades and in action-out action tests for machine gun, mortar and cannon crews.

In addition there will be such athletic trials as sprints, relays and a cross country run with the contestants attired in C uniform and GI shoes instead of the customary jersey, trunks and shoes.

Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, Regtl. cmdr., is marshal of the program, which will be staged within the boundaries of the 255th Inf. area. Lt. Col. John Underwood, will be referee and asst. marshal, and Capt. Howard F. Baker, clerk of course.

A Red for Redcats

Cpl. Oscar Miller, manager and pitching mainstay of CT Red's baseball team, has carved himself some worthwhile records in nine year's hurling on minor and major league diamonds.

This cook at Cannon Co., 253d Inf., pitched for the Cincinnati Reds, Ft. Worth and Los Angeles and San Francisco in the fast Pacific Coast League.

His best year was in 1937 when he recorded 236 strikeouts in the process. During that same season he achieved the oft-dreamed of no-run, no-hit game when he opposed the Lewiston, Idaho, nine. He struck out 19 batters that day to set a league record.

The 32-year-old hurler also is a fine basketball player, having led CT Red's league scorers last winter.

Redleg Bowlers Seeking Matches

Two bowling teams have been organized in Battery B, 718th F. A. Bn., and the Redlegs are so proud of their ability that they have issued a challenge to any group of bowlers in the Division for a match or series of matches to be rolled on the recently opened Bowling Alley No. 2 on 10th street.

Leading the No. 1 team is Sgt. Paul Burden, captain, who came within two frames of a perfect game last Thursday night when he rolled eight perfect frames and encountered minor difficulties on the last two. He had a score of 254 after the sixth frame. Pvt. Reinhold Witte bowled a 253 game. Other members of the team are S/Sgt. Joseph M. Pillar, co-captain, S/Sgt. William L. Turner and Pfc. Richard Perz.

Bowlers or bowling teams interested in scheduling matches are requested to phone 2349 and notify Cpl. Rider of the acceptance of the challenge.

The American league began numbering its players in 1931 the National league two years later.

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Blues Trip Whites, Reds Rout Greens, To Gain Triple Tie

Whites Are Upset, 12-3, For Initial Setback; Reds Win, 12-2

CT Blue turned loose a 16-hit barrage to mow down the previously unbeaten CT White nine, 12-3, last week. This brought the Division baseball pennant chase to the halfway mark with three of the four entries tied for first place.

While the Blue was dealing White its first setback in three starts, Cpl. Oscar Miller gave his CT Red combination its second three-hit pitching performance to administer a 12-2 defeat to the Special Troops "Greenies." This decision tied the Redcats with the other two Combat Teams for first place and dropped the losers to the bottom with three straight setbacks.

The White nine had such distinguished company as Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Louis E. Hibbs and Col. and Mrs. Joseph H. Warren at the game, and both teams put forth their best efforts to make the visit of these guests worthwhile.

The game started as a pitching duel between the Blues' Pvt. Bill Haag and the Whites' Cpl. Earl Petersen. Haag, who had lost a one-hit game to the Redcats' Miller, the previous week, turned in a winning five-hit effort this time. Petersen, however, found the going too tough, giving up eight hits and six runs in the first three innings and finished the game catching the offerings of T/4 Gerald Shaw and Cpl. Harold James.

Lt. Mike Naddeo's Blues scored in every inning except the first and fourth. They reached the peak of "five power" with a four-run burst in the third, when Cpl. Tony Dondona and Sgt. Sid Levy hammered successive home runs to end Petersen's tenure on the mound with the score 6-0.

Every man on the winning nine hit safely at least once with Cpl. Frank Lanzetti, batting star of the victory over the Greenies last week, and Sgt. Stampiglio setting the pace with three hits each.

Cpl. Miller and S/Sgt. Ray Koehler, who collaborated in a 2-0 victory over CT Blue in their previous game, again featured the Redcats' victory, although the good work of their teammates was more in evidence.

Miller held the Greenies hitless for five frames, fanning eight of the first 13 men who faced him. Meantime, Koehler's big bat produced a two-run homer in the third and staked Miller to a 4-0 lead.

The lineups:
CT Red— AB R H O A E
Arnold, ss 4 2 1 1 2 0
Mehall, 1b 4 1 1 4 0 0
Baechli, 3b 4 2 0 0 0 0
Koehler, cf 2 2 0 0 0 0
Miller, p 3 1 2 0 1 0
Poggi, 2b 3 1 0 2 0 0
McCallough, rf 4 1 2 1 1 0
Swilling, lf 2 0 0 1 0 0
McIntyre, cf 1 2 0 0 0 0
Kadish, p 1 1 0 12 0 0
Totals 23 12 10 21 4 0

Special Troops— AB R H O A E
Canup, rf 2 0 0 1 0 0
Bruno, 2b 2 0 0 4 0 0
Burns, ss 3 1 1 2 1 2
Andrews, c 3 1 1 4 0 2
Stoffo, 1b 3 0 1 5 0 0
Bock, 2b 3 0 0 1 1 2
Monk, cf 3 0 0 1 1 0
Steinhart, lf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Granata, p 2 0 0 0 1 1
Gick, p 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 23 2 3 15 4 7

Score by innings:
Special Troops 000 000 2-2
CT Red 202 030 x-12

CT Blue— AB R H O A E
Levy, 2b 5 2 2 0 3 0
Dondona, 1b 4 1 1 7 0 0
Lanzetti, ss 5 2 3 2 0 0
Baker, 3b 4 1 2 3 1 0
Stampiglio, cf 4 3 3 1 0 0
Freeman, lf 3 0 1 1 0 0
Debevoise, rf 4 1 1 2 0 0
Kirehdorfer, c 3 1 2 4 0 0
Hark, p 4 1 1 1 0 0
Totals 35 12 16 21 4 0

CT White— AB R H O A E
Galbraith, cf 4 1 1 1 0 0
Mottola, 1b 3 0 2 6 0 0
Petersen, c 3 0 0 3 0 1
Marshall, 2b 1 0 0 3 1 0
Dooley, 3b 3 0 0 2 3 1
Lesowitz, rf 3 0 0 1 0 0
J. Smith, lf 2 0 0 2 0 0
Zimmerman, c 1 0 0 2 0 1
Shaw, p 1 0 0 0 1 0
Pratt, 2b 1 0 0 0 1 0
T. Smith, lf 1 1 1 0 0 0
James, p 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 27 3 6 21 7 4

Score by innings:
CT Blue 024 013 2-12
CT White 091 001 1-8

DIVISION SOFTBALL LINEUPS

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DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

63d QM Co.—Eighty-seven men were awarded the Good Conduct ribbon at retreat ceremonies last week. . . Sgt. Guy Triano was elected vice-president of the Special Troops' NCO Club at their initial meeting last week. 1st Sgt. Austin Hull is on the board of governors. . .

253d Inf.—From medic to cook is the temporary transition of Pvt. Jimmie West, Med. Det., who is on loan to Serv. Co., teaching KP's surgical technique on choice cuts of meat. . . T/Sgt. E. E. Stephens, Med. Det., caught 15 catfish, 13 bass and an eight-foot water moccasin last week-end in the creek behind the hospital. . . T/4 Walter Melvin is leaving for three months training at Surgical Technician's School, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Col. . . Newly assigned to the Med. Det. are Lts. Donald E. Kramer and Lawrence W. Jordan. . . 1st Sgt. Jack Boyle, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is traveling what is perhaps the longest distance of any man in the division to take his furlough. His wife and baby are in Newfoundland. . . S/Sgt. Mike Keklak, Tq. Co., 1st Bn., thinks the Army is the safest place in which to be. As a coal miner in Jermyon, Pa., he was buried alive three times in coal mine cave-ins and suffered injuries to his leg and head in another serious mine accident. . . T/5 William Short, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., song-writing author of "You're Dangerous," a Hit Parade tune, will be composing notes for three months at Ft. Benning, Ga., communications school. . . Co. A has adopted three new-born pups, while T/5 Henry O'Herron, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., is foster-father to three kittens. . . That first sergeants can shoot as well as they can make up KP lists was demonstrated by 1st Sgt. Edward Rykowski, Serv. Co., who scored 177 on the carbine range to top his company. . . High scores in other companies were: Pfc. Dale E. Bohrea, Co. E, 187 out of 210 on the M-1; Pvt. Thurman L. Rives, Co. G, 188. . .

254th Inf.—The Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Pvt. "Mac" Borrera, Co. I, is still in need of more musicians. . . T/4 Edgar A. Wood has returned to Hq. Co., 1st Bn. from Station Hospital where he underwent an operation. . . NCOs of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., are grateful to Sgt. Eugene H. Calanter's faculty for pulling CQ on weekends. . . 1st Sgt. John R. Mayhew, S/Sgt. John F. Bowen, T/4 Joseph W. Supler, Cpl. John R. Sontag, T/5 William E. Linklater, T/5 Eugene L. Werstler, Pfc. Ludwig Linder and Pvt. Albert Levin are responsible for unique orientation display in Hq. Co., 1st Bn. . . Pvt. Carl Armstrong, Co. D, won the final Runner Contest at Service Club No. 2. . . New single-strippers in Co. D, are: Pfc. Leonard Gullicksen and Pfc. James R. Hagan. . .

862d F. A.—S/Sgt. Frederick A. Winter, who joined Btry. A, discovered that his former battery commander is also a member of the 862d. Lt. William D. Weller, CO of Btry. B, commanded Btry. C, 29th Bn., Ft. Sill, Okla., a year ago when Sgt. Winter was a member of that unit. Two officers left for schools at Ft. Sill this week. Lt. Harold H. Hall, Bn. S-2, will attend Officer's Advanced Course, while Lt. Richard Goldberger, Btry. A, will take the Survey Course.

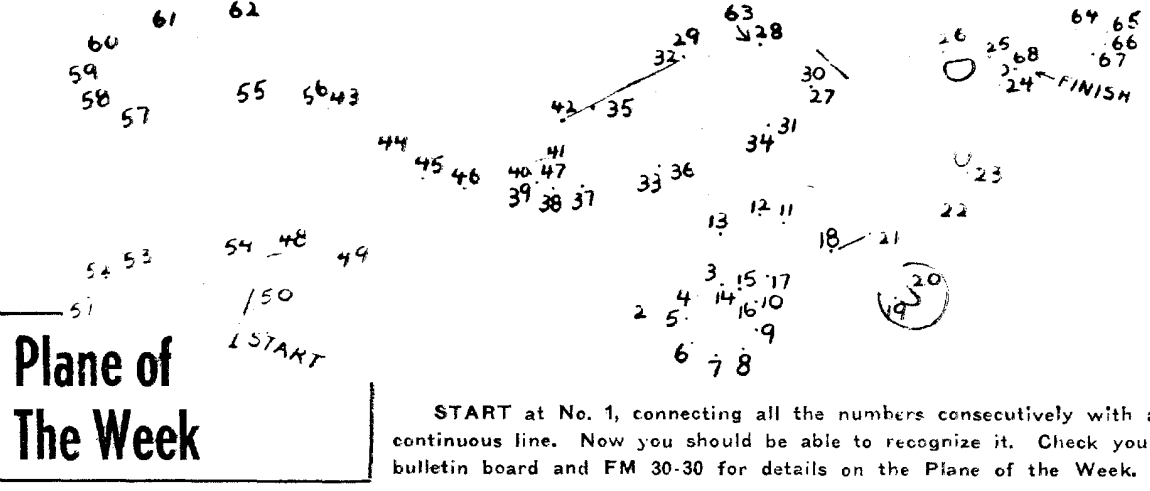
255th Inf.—An item in the Sidelights column of BLOOD AND FIRE last week credited T/Sgt. Perry M. Erhard's 81 mm. mortar squad, Co. M, with demolishing a target with the first round in the "platoon in the attack" battle exercises. Now, Sgt. Peter A. Peyser, Cannon Co., points out that his crew of cannoneers actually destroyed the target with the first blast from their 105 mm. cannon. The mortars had only hit the target, he says. "You pays yer money and you takes your choice. . . S/Sgt. Robert Yarborough, Co. E, mess sergeant, is passing out cigars—Mrs. Yarborough gave birth to a boy. . . Pvt. Charles Hudson is the toast of Cannon Co. since he pitched a no-hit softball game against the 863d F. A. . . 1st Sgt. Melvin Parr, Co. H, reports the birth of a seven-pound daughter, which he saw on his furlough at Wichita Falls, Tex. . . T/Sgt. Delbert C. Brett and Cpl. Lynn Atwood, Cannon Co., tried to replace a burned out bulb over the entrance to their barracks the other night. While Atwood held Brett on his shoulders Brett twisted and screwed and the bulb kept turning, but not catching. About the time Atwood was sinking to the ground under Brett's weight, the sergeant calmly announced "There are no threads in the plug." There are still no lights over the entrance. Lt. Ralph B. Bond, orientation officer, is helping organize a horse-shoe pitching team. One of his prize pitchers is Pvt. Karl J. Lang, former state champ of Idaho. . .

863d F. A.—Btry. A underwent an overnight transformation recently under the direction of Lt. Kenneth Bauder, who produced ten-year-old cacti and full grown trees around the barracks area where "naught would bloom before." Last week's high score among battalion bowlers was that of Sgt. Chester Coolidge, who tallied 214. . . Admirers of Izaak Walton are Pvt. Joe Frakes and Pvt. Bob Ulom, Serv. Co., and they both tell tall tales of their exploits. Here's Ulom's best: One winter he took his favorite pointer to a likely pond where he intended to try his luck at "tip-up" fishing. After chopping a neat hole in the ice, baiting his hook and setting up the "tip-up" with a red flag, he noticed his dog pointing at the red flag, although it's position was unchanged. Investigating, Ulom found the "tip-up" to be faulty, but that something was pulling at the line. Still wondering why his dog pointed at the fish, he baited in a mammoth pike. Upon opening it the solution of the mystery was revealed. A partridge jumped out and flew away. . .

716th F. A.—Among those joining the ranks of the Benedicts in recent weeks were: S/Sgt. Douglas R. McCracken, S/Sgt. Joseph J. Bavasso and Pvt. George E. Burke, all of Hq. Btry. . . Cpl. Lester Proflich, Co. C, returned from furlough last week a married man. . . Capt. George W. Putnam, S-3, is back to duty after a leave of absence spent at his home in Fort Fairfield, Me.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—T/Sgt. George McAndrew at Military Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, Md., writes "fellow workers" in G-2 that the former wrestler known to fans as Man Mountain Dean is a M/Sgt. in Camp Ritchie's Station Complement.

FIGHTER FROM THE "FIRST" like a carbon copy of the other. Both are first sergeants, both are 27 years old, and both have just returned from 22 months overseas duty. They were in the same Infantry division, the Fighting First.



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.

Committee System Speeds Combat Training for Men

(Continued From Page 1) E. Hummel, acting executive officer, headed the committee on hand and anti-tank grenades, and directed instructions on how to fire the bazooka. Maj. James D. Beckett, 1st Bn. commander, headed the committee on M-1 rifle mechanical training and marksmanship—the

dry run preparatory to record firing. "Lt. Col. Walter J. Burke, 2d Bn. commander, did an outstanding job on the rifle range, supervising the firing for two weeks without a letup—and qualifying more than 95 per cent of all firers."

Officers Divide Softball Honors

The Officers' softball team of the 863d F. A. Bn., divided honors on the diamond last week. In one game they defeated the strong Hq. Btry, ten, 4-3, and then fell, 9-7, before Btry. A's combination.

Committees all worked under supervision of regimental staff officers, Col. Lukert said. This contrasted with basic training, in which each battalion is in charge of training its own men.

The first game was tight all the way with the officers coming through in the last of the sixth to snap a 3-3 tie and score the winning run. Lt. Marvin Breeding, pitcher, with three for three, and Lt. Leslie Randall with two for three, led the victors in hitting.

"The advantage of the committee system," Col. Lukert stated, "is easily seen. The whole regiment is mobilized as a training team. Then, each committee is made up of specialists. Capt. West M. Williams, regimental S-3, for example, was in charge of transition firing. He and his committee did that and nothing else."

In the second game Cpl. Angelo Izzolino hurled well for Btry. A save for a period of wildness in the second inning which allowed the officers to score six runs and take a temporary 6-5 lead. The enlisted men registered five in the first, four of which came home when S/Sgt. Hightower slammed a homer with three on base.

"Maj. Jack E. Gray, 2d Bn. executive officer, headed the committee on the carbine. He and his committee needed only one set of charts, one training area."

Table with 4 columns: Officers, Hq. Btry., Btry. A, and Btry. B. Rows include player names and statistics like AB, R, H, and totals.

Men Learned by Doing In accordance with Gen. Hibbs wishes, instruction in every case, Col. Lukert said, stressed "practical work and permitting the men to learn by doing."

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Training was so highly telescoped that each available minute was utilized by ingenious company commanders. Capt. Bruno Savoia, acting S-3, reported.

In 1942 and 1943, steel replaced 558,000,000 pound of non-ferrous metals in Army ordnance specifications.

"On marches between classes from one area to another, the time was utilized for instruction on troop formations," Capt. Savoia said. "The marches to training areas, in many cases, were tactical. Schooling included orientation talks, explanation and demonstration."

High tribute to noncoms for their important role in the abbreviated training was paid by Col. Lukert. "Because of our acute shortage of officers our noncoms took on added responsibilities, often teaching classes and doing a splendid job."

Some of the record-breaking results were: An M-1 firing score of 158, highest in the group, by Pvt. John Kabboord, Co. G. Of 270 men in E-1 group, marksmen averaged a score higher by 40 per cent than any other group trained in the regiment, with only three men failing to qualify.

254th Band Plays At McComb Dance

The reorganized 254th Inf. orchestra which played for an informal dance at the Municipal Auditorium at Natchez last Saturday night will be heard at the Servicemen's Center at McComb tonight. Last week's dance at Natchez was sponsored by the Military Maids each of whom was required to bring articles of clothing to aid the drive for wearing apparel for destitute people in Russia. Three crates of clothing were collected as a result of the dance.

A partner for Miss Edna Parker of the Maids, who led the grand march, was Pfc. Kenneth Erickson of the 718th F. A. Bn. Sgt. Bob Clements of Co. A, 253d Inf. and Miss Jeanne Horne of the Military Maids of Ferriday, La., led the Paul Jones. Pvt. Jack Paris, of Division Quartermaster, a skat singer, brought applause with "I Can't Get Started With You."

Sunday afternoon the Vidalia High School band entertained over WMIS from the Servicemen's Center. T/5 Nathan Gutman of the 25th Inf. was the announcer and paid tribute to the mothers of America prior to introducing the high school musicians.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 AND 2 (Starting Times—No. 1 1848, No. 2 1810) (Saturday, May 20 Through Friday, May 26) SATURDAY—"Address Unknown," with Paul Lukas and K. T. Stevens. SUN.-MON.—"The Story of Dr. Wassell," with Gary Cooper and Laraine Day. TUESDAY—"The Yellow Rose of Texas," with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Sons of the Pioneers. WED.-THURS.—"The Hitler Gang," with Robert Watson and Martin Kustick. FRIDAY—"Three Men in White," with Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson and Keye Luke. THEATER NO. 5 (Starting Time—1845) (Sunday, May 21, Through Saturday, May 27) SUNDAY—"Bermuda Mystery," with Preston Foster and Ann Rutherford. MONDAY—"Address Unknown," with Paul Lukas and K. T. Stevens. TUES.-WED.—"The Story of Dr. Wassell," with Gary Cooper and Laraine Day. THURSDAY—"The Yellow Rose of Texas," with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Sons of the Pioneers. FRI.-SAT.—"The Hitler Gang," with Robert Watson and Martin Kustick.

IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS Last year the Army Service Forces attained two remarkable, but quite different goals. To more than three million homes went a billion and a half dollars for family allowances. And at posts in this country and installations overseas, the Army Service Forces conducted no less than one million, three hundred thousand religious services.

Male Call



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



G. I. Geneva



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Co. F, 255th Wins Inspection Honors

Doubly honored was Co. F, 255th Inf., which not only received a personally written commendation from Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hibbs, 63rd Div. commander, on the company's showing in the general administrative inspection conducted recently, but also won two first and one second cash prizes offered by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer.

"Overall results of the inspection were very satisfactory," Col. Tombaugh said, in a letter announcing the winners.

For "Overall excellence," Co. F took first prize, \$25; Anti-Tank Co., second prize, \$15; Cannon Co., 3d prize, \$10, and Co. I, honorable mention.

For the best supply room, Co. K copped first prize, \$15; Companies P and I tied for second prize, \$7.50 each; Co. B took third prize, \$5, and Companies G and M won honorable mention.

In the best mess classification Co. F again popped up winner of \$15, while Anti-Tank Co. placed second for \$10; Cannon Co. took third prize, \$5, and Co. B and Serv. Co. won honorable mention.

Final ratings by the division inspecting team showed Co. F first; Anti-Tank Co. second, and Cannon Co. third. They are commanded respectively, by Lt. Hughey M. Weir, Lt. Sam Hershman, and Capt. Robert M. Young. In a message of commendation to Lt. Weir, Lt. Col. John Underwood, executive officer, 255th Inf., pointed out the importance of a clean mess to health and morale.

Outdoor Movies For Men of 255th

A series of Sunday outdoor movie programs will be inaugurated tomorrow night by the 255th Inf. Special Service Office at 2030. Seats will be arranged on the boardwalk in front of the CT Blue Rec. Hall and the picture will be projected on a screen on the wall of the building.

T-5 Mordecai Bauman and T-5 Alex Seigel, assistants to Lt. Mike Naddeo, special service officer, will have charge of the show. Men will be able to smoke, eat peanuts and relax in the cool evening breeze.

Dance Is Scheduled Tonight at Gloster

Miss Helen Stephenson, Gloster USO director, has announced a varied schedule of activities for next week.

The regular Saturday night dance will be held tonight to the musical background of a 63d Div. Band.

A square dance is scheduled for Thursday night; the Hair Corps club, Wednesday at 1500; gym classes at 1000 every Tuesday and Thursday; Red Cross meeting at 1400 Thursday and open house Sunday.

Division Orchestras Play at Service Clubs

Two units of the 63d Div. Band provided music for dances at both service clubs this week.

The White orchestra, directed by WOJG Harold E. Polakoff, presented 16 pieces in a variety of sweet and swing tunes at Service Club No. 1.

Vocalist Pfc. Irvin Rocklin scored with "Serenade in Blue" and "When They Asked About You."

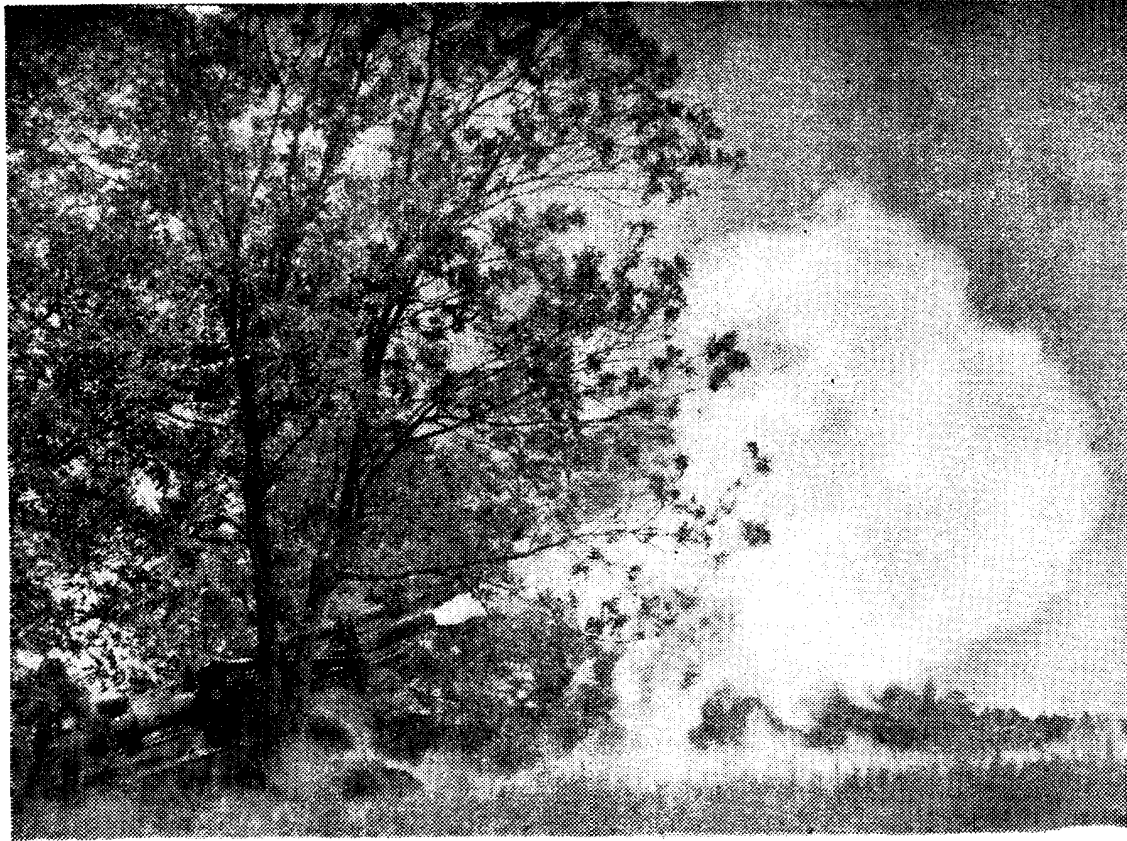
Special musical arrangements for the dance were the work of Pfc. Edwin Shanbaltz, Pfc. "Chuck" Jones and T-5 Joe Madera.

Directed by Pfc. Don Pablo, the Red Unit entertained at an enlisted men's dance at Service Club No. 2 last night.

'Musical Quizzical' Held at Club No. 1

A new note in audience participation was struck when a "Musical Quizzical" was featured at the 255th Inf. show at Service Club No. 1 Thursday night.

The problem of the audience was to guess the personalities suggested by various musical selections played by the band. For instance: "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" could only suggest the first sergeant while "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" identified a bugler.



TEETH RATTLING was the crash that came from this new M-1 howitzer as the 718th F. A. Redlegs held their first service practice with the new weapons Tuesday. The new guns supplant the old 155's formerly used by the Battalion.

Division Soldiers Seek Exprt Badge

(Continued From Page 1) tests have already qualified in the following tests: Individual weapon; transition firing; weapons requiring a crew; grenade course; familiarization firing, 25-mile hike in eight hours; (if hike has been taken within two months it counts for the contestant) nine-mile hike in two hours; physical fitness course; infiltration course; close combat course, and combat in cities course (Nazi Village).

Rules of the tests specify that any man failing in any one test is disqualified from further competition. He may, however, take the tests again after two months have elapsed.

Members of the Expert Infantryman's Badge Board conducted the tests which started Monday, May 15, and which will be completed today.

Lt. Col. Burk is in charge of the night compass course; Lt. Col. Baier supervises military courtesy and discipline, personal appearance and field proficiency; Lt. Col. Paul is in charge of first aid, sanitation, protective measures and scouting and patrolling.

No tabulation of the number of men passing the tests has as yet been made for the tests are still in progress.

The 253d Inf. and Division Troops started yesterday and will complete their tests this afternoon. The 254th Inf. took its tests Wednesday and Thursday, while the 255th Inf. finished two-day stint Tuesday.

Essay Contest At Club No. 2

A new essay contest titled "What I Am Fighting For" replaced the "Rumor Contest" at Service Club No. 2 this week. It was announced by Cpl. Samuel Clark, weekly newscaster. The contest is open to all men in Camp Van Dorn.

Essays must be limited to 100 words and should be turned in at the Service club by Thursday, June 1.

First prize of five cartons of cigarettes and second prize of two cartons will be awarded immediately after the regular Thursday newscast June 15, first anniversary of activation of the 63d Div.

Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarian, is preparing reference material for contestants in the unique competition which is sponsored by Mrs. Avaril Broderson, senior hostess of the club.

Sgt. Shafer Is CT Red Noncom Club President

T/Sgt. Harry Shafer, Hq. Btry., 861st F. A., was elected president of CT Red NCO club at a meeting held at CT Red Rec Hall last week. At the same meeting plans were laid for extensive alteration and redecoration of the club.

War Previewed by Doctor Who Treated Feud Victims

Battling stormy weather, treating bullet wounds and practicing medicine without benefit of white-tiled operating rooms is no novelty to recently-appointed Lt. Hu E. Ladd, 3d Bn. surgeon, 253d Med. Det.

The six foot one inch tall 195-pound former star basketball player has been in the Army only four months—less than most of the patients he treats—but as the mountain doctor in the hills of Tennessee he treated gunshot wounds long before he entered the Army, and has dug more bullets



Lt. Hu E. Ladd

out of feud victims in the Tennessee backwoods than out of GI patients.

Treated Wounded Men

Lt. Ladd who entered the Army as a first lieutenant came to the 63d Div. from Carlisle Barracks, Pa. where he attended Medical Field Service School and Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta Ga., where he spent seven weeks treating American soldiers wounded in North Africa, Italy and the Southwest Pacific.

The 31-year-old lieutenant is a

Lucky Strike?

Lt. Bernard Levkoff, assistant Division Special Services officer, is 2,000 Camel cigarettes richer today—thanks to his brother, Danny.

The latter, an employe of an aircraft corporation, appeared as a guest on Bob Hawk's "Thanks to the Yanks" radio quiz program and won the privilege of having the cigarettes sent to someone in the services by answering his question correctly.

Asked whether children in the city or country registered the higher intelligence quotient, the lieutenant's brother named the city group and attributed the fact to the greater educational and cultural facilities available

member of a pioneer Tennessee family which settled there before the Civil War, in which his great-grandfather fought. His father is a lawyer in Kingston, Tenn.

Lt. Ladd received his bachelor of science degree at Carson Newman College Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1934 where he played varsity basketball for four years, receiving all-conference honors in the Smoky Mountain Conference each year. He also won two track letters.

The blue-eyed, black-haired surgeon graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School and interned from July, 1938 to January, 1940 at Knoxville General Hospital Knoxville Tenn.

Harlan County Doctor

From the orderly routine of hospital life, Lt. Ladd plunged into mountain doctoring in Kentucky's "Bloody Harlan" County, which he says, makes infantry basic training look like a pink tea party.

"Up in the hills there are no phones. Yet, somehow they get the word down that the doctor is needed. You'd drive your car up as far as you could and then hike three or four miles on dead reckoning to your patient. Sometimes the snow was so deep and creeks so swollen that your patient couldn't be moved to a hospital. Most times I was my own nurse as well as physician.

"The mountain people are good people, and rough, but if they like you there is nothing like their loyalty. For six months I was stationed in a little mining town named Kenver Ky. Five thousand persons lived huddled around that coalfield where street brawls and gunshot wounds from feuding are still common."

For the next four years, Lt. Ladd was a physician for the Tennessee Valley Authority, stationed at the Kentucky Dam, near Paducah; Chickamauga Dam near the site of the famous Civil War battlefield; Wheeler Dam, Wheeler, Ala.; Wilson Dam and several other TVA projects.

On several of the TVA projects, Lt. Ladd worked with T-3 Al Welch of Chattanooga, Tenn., now a member of the 253d Dispensary's staff.

Eight New Officers Assigned to 254th

Eight new officers including one company commander were assigned to the 254th Inf. last week.

Capt. John K. Moore, new commander of Co. F was commissioned in May, 1942, and has recently finished an advanced officer's course at Ft. Benning Ga.

Also assigned were: Lt. Robert E. Martens from Ft. Benning Ga. Co. F Lt. Thomas W. Mather, Co. D, Lt. Michael M. Towey from Camp Wolters, Tex., to Co. M, Lt. Fred A. Taylor, from Ft. Benning, Ga., to Co. A, and Lts. Adrian Jay Pleskow, Hillis Rittenberg and Waldemar R. Griesbach, to the Med. Det.

GI's Use Devices They Once Made

Like so many other members of the 63d Div., Sgt. Harry M. Powers and Cpl. Frank J. Amatore were inducted into the Army last summer. Unlike the majority of fillers in the Blood and Fire, however, these two members of Btry. B, 862d T. A., previously had contact with equipment they subsequently were to use.

Powers as a civilian was foreman of the shipping dept. of the Malleable Iron Co., Saginaw, Mich., where parts for Browning type machine guns, automatic rifles and carbines are machined from rough castings. The sight of these arms became commonplace but now, as he says, "When I went home on furlough recently I got a big kick telling the fellows at the plant that it wasn't until I got into the Army that I really learned how the items I used to handle actually operate."

Amatore was an assembler at the Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, N. Y. It was his job to assemble the gears and lens mechanism of precision panoramic telescopes. He used to clean, inspect, test and adjust an average of two a day. Complete check of a single telescope took about four hours.

Now the corporal employs the telescope in firing the howitzer and explains, "When I worked at Eastman I had an idea the telescopes were used in some manner on our big tanks. You can imagine my amazement in finding them employe for this purpose.

Amatore, incidentally, was a blood donor eight times prior to his induction, giving a gallon of the life-saving fluid.

Twilight Concerts Start Thursday

The first of a series of twilight concert hours will be held Thursday night at 2000 in Chapel No. 6 on 13th Ave., near Theater No. 2. The period will be devoted to instrumental and vocal selections, with T-5 Paul Taubman of Division Special Services in charge.

Artists who will be heard on Thursday's program will be Pfc. Edward Miller, Special Troops, who will play several selections on the organ; Cpl. Charles C. Rudibaugh, of 253d Inf., Special Service Office, will be heard in a cornet solo; Pvt. Samuel Savar, Co. C, 255th Inf., will play the violin, and Pvt. Stoddard Lincoln, Serv. Co., 254th Inf., will give a piano recital.

Vocal selections will be offered by Cpl. Richard L. Sutch, Hq., Div. Arty., a tenor, and Sgt. Stephen J. Smith, of 63d Ren. Trp., a baritone. A quartet consisting of Pfc. John R. Vanderhoff, Cpls. Joseph E. Evans and Richard Sutch, and Sgt. Stephen Smith, will also be heard in several selections. Pvt. Irving K. Hopkins, 254th Inf., Pfc. Miller and Pvt. Lincoln will act as accompanists.

Division Special Services is anxious to secure additional talent for future concerts of a similar nature. Tenors, baritones, pianists, organists, violinists, cellists, vocalists, both individuals and groups, are needed.

Jewish Soldiers Hold Dance Tonight at 2000

Members of the Jewish faith will observe the Spring festival of Lag B'Omer, tonight by holding a dance at the CT Red Rec. Hall at 13th Ave. and 11th St., at 2000. Tomorrow a picnic and outing will be held at Woodville Lake at 1000.

Tonight's dance is being sponsored by the Centreville Jewish Welfare Board's Army and Navy Committee in co-operation with the New Orleans JWB Army and Navy Committee. Forty girls from New Orleans will act as hostesses and provide partners for the dancing.

718th Noncom Club Plans Party, Dance

Men of the 718th F. A. NCO Club are going "all out" in preparation for another party next Wednesday night.

Members of the WAC Detachment, wives and sweethearts of the members are invited to the party which will feature a Dixieland band.