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## 63D TO MARK ORGANIZATION DAY JUNE 15

### 254th Inf. Show Scores Hit Before Natchez Audience

Thickly interlarded with humor, and with skits reminiscent of Olsen and Johnson productions, "Oh, My Back," the WAC-Soldier show sponsored by the Special Service Office of the 254th Inf., had its premier before a large audience at the Municipal Auditorium in Natchez, Wednesday night.

Conjured up by those two exponents of the slapstick, Cpl. Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joseph Dolin, both of 254th Special Service Office, the two-hour show left Natchezians chuckling long after the final curtain closed.

#### Opens in Camp Monday

Because the same show will play at CT White Rec Hall Monday night at 2000 and at other halls throughout the Division during the coming week, it would not be fair to reveal all that is in store for GI audiences, however, some of the story of the extravaganza can be told.

Heath and Dolin not only wrote the book they also took prominent parts in the production and it was their antics before the curtain, and their participation in many of the scenes that contributed greatly to the success of the whole thing.

The Olsen and Johnson touch came early in the proceedings when a youth rushed up the aisle shouting that his finger had been cut by the seat of his chair. Two aidmen rushed him out of the hall and from then until the end of the show the same lad rushed at intervals through the audience trying to escape the Medics. Then there was the poker-faced youth who refused to laugh at any cracks, and the bird who sat throughout the entire show reading a newspaper near the wings.

#### Cast of 48

Besides Heath and Dolin there was a fine supporting cast consisting of 38 soldiers and eight members of WAC Detachment No. 1.

The singing of T 5 Mordecai Bauman, former New York concert singer and pretty Wanda Oscewaska of the WACs, was a highlight of the show, and so was the act put on by Miss Paula Bland, former professional entertainer, who brought applause with her rendition of "I Want a Man."

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ORIENTATION DISPLAY de luxe, is this one recently completed in CT White Rec Hall. Pfc. Eugene L. Wilson, formerly with Warner Bros., is shown at left of display which faces front doors. Wilson and Pfc. Sidney Chapman, ex-commercial artist of Detroit, designed the exhibit under the direction of Lt. George Hoar, CT White orientation officer. Bottom photo shows the rear view of the display containing enemy and Allied pictures and other orientation material. Shelf at bottom holds the Daily News Summary and other pamphlets dealing with the war.

### War Bond Drive Starts Thursday

Johnny Doughboy of the 63d Div. has an opportunity, to help provide for himself a tidy nest egg in the form of accrued interest from War Bonds.

The Fifth War Loan drive has a quota of \$16,000,000,000 for the entire country, it was announced recently by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The War department drive will begin Thursday and end July 31 and it is self-evident that all GIs who get behind the drive are not only helping to fight the enemy but are providing a "cushion" that will be of inestimable comfort to them after demobilization day.

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### Out of This World

T 5 Paul Taubman, Division Special Service Office, discovered the ultimate in civilian vagueness concerning Army rank, when he visited the NBC studios, New York City, while on furlough recently.

Sporting his newly acquired chevrons, Taubman met an elderly actress friend (not Vera Vague) who gushed:

"Mr. Taubman! How wonderful you look! And to think they made you an officer in such a short time! What a wonderful outfit you must be in—allowing you to wear your initial, 'T,' under your 'bars.'"

### Chorus Auditions To Be Continued

As the result of auditions held this week for the Division Chorus which will sing at the Organization Day ceremonies, 18 new voices have been added to the group which is expected to number 60 or 70.

Encouraged by this turnout the committee in charge of the auditions will hold additional tryouts on Tuesday and Thursday of next week at the CT White Rec Hall from 1900 to 2000.

There is a need for men with directing ability to assist in training the chorus. Accompanists are also in demand. Those interested are requested to contact Lt. Richard O'Connell at Div. Atry. Rec Hall.

### 253d Band Plays Tonight

Playing closer to home after engagements which took them as far afield as New Orleans, the 16-piece 253d Inf. Orchestra will play for a dance at the Centreville USO tonight from 2030 until 2330.

### Ceremonies Slated For Memorial Day

The 63d Division will pay tribute to the heroic dead on Memorial day, Tuesday, May 30, when a special ceremony will be held near the camp flagpole at 1145.

A firing battery of the 861st F. A. Bn. will fire the national salute of 21 guns at 1200. The 63d Div. Band will precede the salute with martial music.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the flag will be hoisted to the top of the staff from half-mast during which time the National Anthem will be played by the band.

The institution of Memorial Day was conceived in Mississippi. Women of Columbus, Miss., decorated the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers.

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### Allies' Italian Push Ahead By Use of Fresh Troops

Maintenance of front-line divisions at top strength by the injection of frequent replacements played an important part in the Allies' Italian successes which enabled the Fifth Army forces south of the Anzio beachhead to join and set off the push towards Rome, according to the United Press.

Experts compared the system with the tactics of a football coach who rushes a fresh backfield into the game when the ball is brought into scoring position.

By keeping the front line filled with replacements, the attacking forces maintain their numerical strength and cash in on fresh energy. The momentum gained by the initial thrust of an offensive can be kept rolling until it is limited by supply or other factors

### Gala Program To Be Staged On Anniversary

Activation Date Coincides  
With the Observance of  
Infantry Day by Army

The first anniversary of the activation of the 63d Division at Camp Blanding, Fla., June 15, 1943, will be celebrated by members of the Blood and Fire Division on Thursday, June 15, 1944. Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d commander will lead the men of the Division in the Organization Day ceremonies.

Coincident to, and complementing the Organization Day exercises will be the observance of Infantry Day by foot soldiers throughout the country and in far-flung battlefields, as well as in the 63d.

In a special order from Headquarters Army Ground Forces, Army War College, a letter from Maj. Gen. John H. Hilldring is quoted, giving the following explanation:

#### Washington First Leader

"As a fitting mark of respect to the American Infantryman serving in every theater, the United States Infantry Association, through its executive council, has selected June 15 as Infantry Day. It was on June 15 in the year 1775, that the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, chose George Washington, of Virginia, as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army which consisted almost entirely of Infantry.

"Only now is the Nation beginning to understand clearly the meaning of the American Doughboy in this present war. It is believed that the appointment of a special day on which the achievements of the Doughboy may be still more widely acknowledged, would be a suitable tribute."

The twin ceremonies to be celebrated by men of the 63d Div., are open to everyone, including the families and friends of all officers.

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### GI Poll Indicates Desires In Post-War Opportunities

A vast majority of the men in service hope to return to the jobs they left or to the schools they were attending prior to their entrance into the armed forces. Most of them, however, also believe that the government should initiate a program of providing opportunities for work.

These opinions were indicated by the results of a poll conducted during orientation classes of the 862d F. A. Statistics on the poll were compiled this week.

A two-question form was filled out by 223 men of the Battalion. The questions and results, as figured in percentages, were:

Q. What programs do you believe the government should initiate after the war for the benefit of returning servicemen?

- A. Job opportunities ..... 63.7%
- Educational opportunities ..... 37.7%
- Business opportunities ..... 36.8%
- Bonuses ..... 35.4%
- Loans ..... 11.2%
- No program ..... 0.4%

Q. If you have other work or educational opportunities after the war, do you plan to return to the job you held previously or to the school you were attending?

- A. Return to same job ..... 73.9%
- Not return to same job ..... 26.1%
- Return to school ..... 89.7%
- Not return to school ..... 10.3%

A space was left on the questionnaire for other comment regarding postwar plans. The following are some thoughts in the matter:

"There should be a bonus plan to compensate for debts arising out of war."

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# KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Adjutant General Section Classifies, Maintains Records, Supervises APO

(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 Adjutant General.)

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In Washington are the records of some 30-odd million men—men who at one time or another have been connected with the United States Army since 1776. The records are carefully filed and frequently referred to.

During the first World War there were 50,328 men named Smith, 40,101 named Johnson, 28,902 named Brown and 27,938 named Williams. The number of men thus named in the service today possibly is trebled.

Yet, if any of them needed a copy of his record for any legitimate purpose, he could obtain it quickly from the office of the Adjutant General.

This system and efficiency also are represented in the AG section of the 63d Div. Special Staff, under Lt. Col. Ralph Lavorgna, which, in a broad sense is the "Office of Record."

It keeps the Division supplied with officers and men, maintains the records and issues the orders of the Commanding General.

Literally, your life is in the hands of the AG section—as represented in your Form 20 and Service Record. Lt. Col. Lavorgna's "boys" take you in hand the moment you are assigned to the Blood and Fire Division. Thus they have before them your educational and vocational background, your talents and your abilities.

On the basis of these they classify, reclassify, assign, reassign and transfer you as the situation warrants. Not until your period of duty with the 63d has ended are you beyond their control.

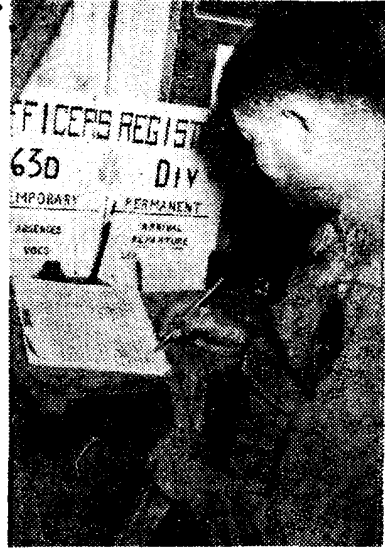
The job here is a large, complex matter and the work accordingly has been divided and sub-divided among the various sections. By and large, the office is composed of personnel, miscellaneous, classification and postal sections. Each in turn has its own breakdown of tasks peculiar to that particular section.

Miscellaneous, under Maj. Vail A. Van Natta, may be said to concern itself primarily with printed matter. Records and mail, administrative and publication sections are its components. To these as a whole accrue responsibility for the receipt and dispatching of communication with Div. Hq., the operation of Division files and policy files, authentication of the Commanding General's orders, the compilation and issuance of special orders, and the procurement, storing and issuance of War Dept. circulars, bulletins and field manuals.

Personnel, naturally enough, deals primarily with matters concerning officers and enlisted men as such. Under direction of Capt. Melvin C. Waters, it is responsible for the transfer, detail, relief, discharge, rosters of troops, locator cards and strength reports as they effect members of the 63d.

### Handles POR Shipments

POR shipments are arranged in this section and no man leaves the Division until an inspecting team composed of Capt. Waters and enlisted men from the responsible sections check each departing sol-

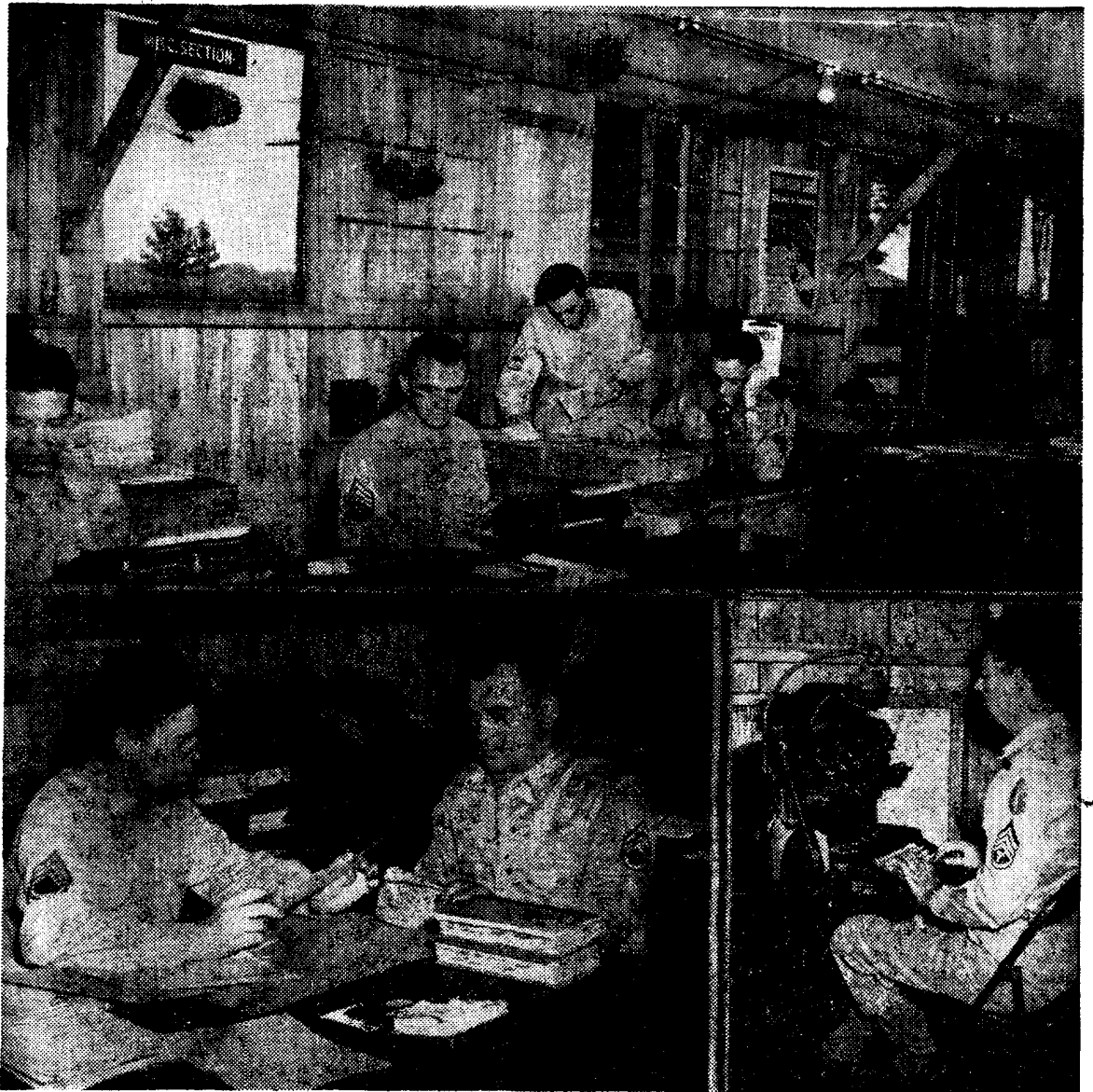


dier's service record for accuracy and completeness of detail.

The Forms 20 of the departing men are checked by the classification section under the supervision of 1st Lt. Samuel I. Imperato. The men here are the ones who classify and allocate the fillers to the various units upon their assignment to the Division.

A fact not generally known is that the 63d's postal service also is under the supervision of Lt. Col. Lavorgna's office. In times of peace, the service is in the hands of civilians and the supervision of a unit postal officer who sees that the postal system functions normally is sufficient. In this Division that officer is 1st Lt. Andrew H. Romaniszin, who supervises the distribution of the mail, checks records and co-ordinates the operation of the service between Division and civilian units.

The expansion of the Army to war-time millions and its consequent demands on the service necessitated transfer of this function to the AG's department. A school was created for the instruction of officers and enlisted men and under the Department's edict it became mandatory for each post or unit with upwards of 5,000 servicemen to place its system under the supervision of an officer from the AG's office.



"OFFICE OF RECORD" is the unofficial title given the Adjutant General's section of the 63d Div. Special Staff and activities pictured here show some of its functions. At top, stenographic duties occupy T/4s Lawrence Giangregorio and Oliver Watson (left) while M/C Frank Scarpinato and T/4 Gilbert Knoblock utilize the locator-card file which lists all enlisted men of the Division. At left, Capt. Melvin C. Waters signs the Officers' Register. T/Sgt. Paul McQuiston at his desk in the classification section interviews a newcomer to the 63d (lower left) and at right, the graphotype used for stamping information on "dog tags" is operated by T/3 Robert Watson.

## GI Poll Indicates Desires In Post-War Opportunities

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of a man's service. I, for one, am using my savings to carry my family over these times of high prices. Money I earned previously went three times as far as it does at present."

"Reduce business restrictions. Rearrange tax plans. Simplify tax returns."

"I think that the government

should spend money for educational purposes and make possible jobs according to one's educational or vocational preparations."

"Give soldiers who desire it opportunities to work on farms. With all the government-owned land, this would be easy."

"Jobs should be provided for those who want them, but not of the nature of WPA. Educational and loan opportunities should be created to help ex-servicemen fit themselves for civilian jobs."

"A national health program. Abolish poll tax. Equality for all. Better housing facilities."

"One year of military training for every man after the war."

"Five-year tax moratorium for servicemen."

"More and more production is the secret for a better place to live."

"I believe there should be greater stress on education after the war. In that way we will have better qualified voters."

"Rehabilitation of all 'emergency' workers to their normal neighborhoods and jobs."

"Let private enterprise run its own business."

"Work out a rehabilitation program that is practical—and stick to it. Stop playing politics with it."

"Reduce bureaucracy and give American initiative a chance."

### Not a Bad Idea

The name Paul played an important role in the formation of the 63d Div., Pvt. John B. Rowe, Btry. C, 863d F. A., points out.

Looking at the framed BLOOD AND FIRE card, autographed by leaders of the United Nations, Pvt. Rowe noted that the first name of the original commanding officer of each of the three regiments was Paul. They were:

Col. Paul W. Mapes, 253d; Col. Paul T. Baker, 254th; and Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, 255th.

Confronted with that lineup, Hitler and Tojo might well paraphrase the words of King Agrippa to one of the greatest of the apostles and say:

"Almost thou persuadest me"—to surrender!

### Seven Men Promoted In Ranks of 254th

Seven men of the 254th Inf. were promoted last week, it was announced by Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding officer.

Promoted to S/Sgt. was Edmonde M. Letts, Co. E. To T/3: Rudolph C. Stankovic, Med. Det.

To Sgt.: Ewell B. Dean and Douwe Stuurman, of Co. C and Hq. Co., 2d Bn., respectively.

To T/5: Arthur J. Clauter, Serv. Co.

### 263d Engineers Train In Amphibious Tactics

Members of the 263d Combat Engineers left Camp Van Dorn today for Camp Shelby, Miss., where they will undergo a week's training in river crossing tactics, laying pontoon bridges and assault boat methods.

This will be the second trip of a like nature taken by men of the Division Engineers. Last winter members of the Battalion made a motor march to Shelby where they underwent similar training.

## 254th Men Enact Burning of Books

An adaptation of Stephen Vincent Benet's radio script, "They Burned the Books," was presented by CT White Special Services Office and the regimental orientation staff, at Theater No. 1, this morning.

The re-enactment, written and directed by Pfc. Joe Dolin from Benet's script, featured a cast of 25, including a chorus of 20 which served as a musical backdrop for the presentation.

Narrated by T/5 Les Heath the show described the burning of the books of hundreds of literary immortals. Pvt. Al Lewin portrayed the Nazi book-burner; Miss Eleanor Shaw played the role of an American school teacher and Louis Pack of Centreville, played the part of a victim of Nazi persecution.

Special lighting effects by Heath enhanced the performance which was supervised by Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, special service officer, and Lt. George Hoar, orientation officer.

### Victims of Bus Mishap Escape Serious Injury

Nearly all of the soldiers injured when a bus owned by the Industrial Bus Company overturned last Sunday night en route from Baton Rouge to Camp Van Dorn, were reported ready to be discharged from Station Hospital today. None of the 20 men injured when the bus failed to make a turn at the intersection of the Clinton-Jackson Highway and Highway 51, were injured seriously.

The accident occurred about 2215 Sunday night. Ambulances from the camp and private conveyances helped carry the injured to the Station Hospital. Fractures, contusions, abrasions and lacerations were the extent of the injuries.

At the close of the Civil War we were the greatest military power on earth.



"It was sure—swell of—you—to—get me—a—date too!"

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

The other day one of the new men in the outfit asked me the meaning of that white diamond which some of the men in the Division wear on the backs of their helmets. When I told him that it meant that they were intelligence personnel, he said, "I see, Sarge, spy chasers, eh? Says I, "That's



where you're dead wrong, Brother", and after I had straightened him out it occurred to me that there might be others who were wondering about the same thing, and so I am going to take a little time and space here to get all those who have the wrong idea about intelligence work back on the right beam.

So here goes! The intelligence scout is a hot shot combat soldier and spies are about the last thing in the world he would be looking for. He must be trained thoroughly as an infantryman and know and be able to use and put into practice all the tools and tricks of his trade.

There are other things he must know also, but above all he must have good sense, good judgment and be able to work alone. He must make himself stick to his mission come hell or high water—and that is damned tough some times. To be worth a hoot to his CO he must always follow this rule: Get the information! Get it back! Don't fight unless you have to!

I remember in the last war we had a good scout in the company. One day the Old Man sent him out to find the enemy flank. We had been pinned down by Jerry and the Old Man had to know where his flank was in order to know where to envelop with the support platoon. He (the scout) told me later that as he worked his way forward he had many chances to knock off Krauts and do a lot of good to the company but that he pushed the temptation away and kept on going.

It was tough getting in and tougher getting out, but he got his information and got back with

## Nurse Shortage Prompts Call From Hospital

Miss Elaine Patin, assistant field director, American Red Cross, has announced that Registered Nurses and Nurses Aides who are not now working, are urgently needed at the Station Hospital for nursing work.

Col. Howard Hume, MC, commanding officer, Station Hospital, has asked that a register of all nurses available in this locality be prepared.

Interested nurses are invited to call at the office of the assistant field director, AHC, Station Hospital, telephone 605.

only a couple of small holes to pay for it; and, based on it the third platoon got in on the flank of the Heinies' position and made an assault which was the grandfather of the kind we do here in the 63d. Is was a big success and all because that one scout had plenty of guts, got his information, and got it back and did not allow himself to stray from his mission. All of that extra training that he had had in scouting and compass work didn't hurt him a bit, either.

When you get over there many times you will probably pick up information. Maybe it will be the shoulder tabs of a dead Nazi or a paper with some queer looking brush marks on it that some Nip in his haste forgot to burn. If this happens to you just remember that information, like news, is no good unless it gets to someone who can use it. Don't sit on it or keep



it for a souvenir but look for one of those guys with that diamond on the back of his helmet and give it to him. He's been trained to get it back fast.

To be a good I and R man you must love your work. It is hard but interesting and there are damned few ratings but there's a lot of satisfaction in knowing that the Old Man is relying on you to get the dope and you haven't let him down.

## Bond Is Offered As Essay Prize

Judges for the "What I Am Fighting For" essay contest, sponsored by Service Club No. 2 will be Lt. Col. Edward Baier, executive officer, 254th Inf., Miss Elizabeth Williams, club librarian, and Mrs. Avaril Broderson, senior hostess, it was announced this week.

Although the contest is open to all men in Camp Van Dorn, Col. Joseph H. Warren, commanding officer, 254th Inf., is offering a special award for the best essay among men of his regiment—a \$25.00 war bond.

First prize of five cartons of cigarets and second prize of two cartons will be awarded contest winners June 15, first anniversary of activation of the 63d Div.

Essays must be limited to 100 words and should be submitted to the service club by Thursday, June 1.

## WIVES MEET AT LAKE

The Woodville Army Wives club will hold all future meetings at the lake near town starting next Thursday. The group will meet at the American Legion Hut at 2 p. m. for transportation to the lake.



"I'M DREAMING," said T/4 Frank Bencivengo when his brother, Mike, who was transferred to Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., recently, came in to look him up after the two had been separated for over two years.

## Brothers Reunited in 63d After Lengthy Separation

### 255th's 57s Prove Effective Weapons

The men of Anti-Tank Co., 255th Inf., have a new weapon, and, after firing it for the first time last Sunday, they are pleased as Punch with its performance. The new weapon is the 57 mm. anti-tank gun, which replaces the 37 mm. gun formerly used.

First of its kind in the 63d Div., the weapon was taken to range 1g last Sunday and each of the six guns in the company fired 50 rounds with spectacular results in accuracy and effectiveness of fire.

According to First Sgt. Howard E. Spann, the 57 mm. gun is a direct copy of the famous British six-pounder, which played a great part in the routing of Rommel in Africa. Used as a direct-fire weapon, the range of the piece is a military secret. Indicative of its power, however, is the fact that when the gun was fired the range was cleared and guards were posted at distant points.

"Stationary targets were used, as an additional safeguard, and the projectiles literally tore the targets to pieces."

The new weapons which are also part of the equipment of the Anti-Tank companies of the 253d and 254th regiments as well as the defense platoon of Division Headquarters, are scheduled to be fired again next week.

Two of the happiest men in the 63d Div. are the Bencivengo brothers, T/4 Francis and T/3 Michael who were reunited last week after being separated for more than two and a half years.

Last week, Frank, who had just completed a three-week refresher course in the 253d Inf., was transferred to Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., the same battery to which his brother had been assigned when he reported to the 63d Div. May 10. Both live in the same barracks now. Mike, 21, is a battalion headquarters stenographer and Frank, 26, is an auto mechanic.

Frank Drafted in '41  
The story starts back in Plainfield, N. J., in 1941 when Frank was a machinery operator on highway construction and his younger brother was court clerk in the Plainfield Police Department. In January of that year Frank was drafted, inducted at Ft. Dix, N. J., and sent to the 27th Div., Ft. McClelland, Ala., where he was assigned to an artillery battalion. Shortly after he returned from a furlough, his outfit went to the west coast and, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, shipped across to the Hawaiian Islands.

In January, 1942, Mike was inducted at Ft. Dix and sent to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Ft. Sill, Okla., for basic training, and stayed there for two years until assigned to the 63d Div. Meanwhile, Frank had spent two years on the Islands until his acceptance for training as an air cadet last December. He landed on the west coast and managed to get a plane across country which got him home for his furlough at 2100 New Year's Eve.

Assigned to 63d  
After reporting to Keesler Field, Miss., he was sent to the University of Missouri in March for introductory training. In the middle  
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## Streamlined Uniform For Combat Soldiers

A new combat uniform for troops was put to use on the Anzio beach-head in Italy. It consists of dark green water-repellent trousers with a large pocket on each leg; a paratrooper style short jacket with drawstring instead of belt and having two upper and two lower pockets; and with buttons under flaps so they will not catch on objects while crawling; and regular G. I. brogans with six inch leather tops so that trousers can be tucked in, in place of the canvas leggings. The new uniform is also in use on other fronts.

## 58 Prizes Offered For Plays Written By Men in Service

Soldiers in the 63d Div. who have always wanted to write a play will have the opportunity to do so if they have the time. The National Theatre Conference, a non-profit organization interested in the promotion of the American Theatre, announces a second competition open to men and women in all branches of the United States military service, irrespective of rank. Offered as awards are 58 prizes totalling \$1,500 and the opportunity to be recommended for valuable post-war scholarships.

The type of plays are divided into five classes: long plays of one and one-half to two hours' playing time; one-act plays, of 20 to 40 minutes playing time; skits and blackouts of from one to 10 minutes playing time; musical comedies, of from one to two hours playing time; radio plays, dramatic scripts of approximately 23 minutes and "spot" scripts not exceeding seven minutes.

In order to make the competition more equitable, there will be two divisions of the contest. Material mailed by servicemen on duty within the United States will be entered in the Camps Division; material mailed by military personnel on duty outside the United States will be entered in the Overseas Division. Awards and judging in the five classes of writing will be separate for the two divisions.

No restriction is placed upon the subject matter, content or form of the plays, although subjects related to life in the service are to be preferred. All material must be original, unpublished (except by military agencies), and owned exclusively by the contestant. Manuscripts must be typed or written in a legible hand on one side of the paper only. The sheets must be bound together and numbered, the cover or top page being clearly marked with the title of the play, its class of writing, the author's name and military rank, and both his military and permanent address.

To be eligible for the Camps Division competition, manuscripts must be postmarked not later than November 1, 1941. Announcement of the winners will be made on or before March 1, 1945.

## Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**  
Sunday  
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Service—0830.  
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.  
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.  
Chapels 5, 6, 7, 10—1100.  
Chapel 8, Lutheran Communion Service—1100.  
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days  
Chapel 6, Concert Hour, Sunday—1530.  
Chapel 8, Sunday, 1830.  
Co. A Day Room, 263d Med., Sunday—1815.  
Chapel 7, Lutheran, 1900.  
Chapel 5, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday—1900.  
Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—2000.  
Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1930.  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**  
Sunday Masses  
Chapels 5, 7—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 5, Tuesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.  
Confessions  
Chapels 5, 7, Saturday, 1830 to 2000.  
**JEWISH SERVICES**  
Friday  
Hospital—1830.  
Chapel 7—2000.  
Saturday  
Shovouts Holy Day Services  
Chapel 9, 1830.  
Sunday  
Chapel 9, 1100.  
Chapel 9, 1830.  
Monday  
Station Hospital, 0300.  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**  
Chapel 5, Sunday—1830.  
**LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE**  
Chapel 6, Sunday—1900.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

## Siestaless Mexicans Agree War Is Hell

MEXICO CITY, MEX.—The noon time siesta is the latest war casualty. A decree of President Avila Camacho has abolished the two or three hour mid-day closing of governmental, commercial and industrial offices. Hereafter they will be permitted one hour for lunch, which means the siesta is out.



RIGHT AND WRONG uses of camouflage are demonstrated graphically to 120 picked men from the 253d Inf. regiment attending Intelligence School. Photo above shows wrong way to observe camouflage rules. Note tent pitched in open, messkit and pinup girl picture hanging on pole and occupant, S/Sgt. Robert Leonard, of the I & R Platoon reading and smoking. Others in the foreground are T/5 Dominic Salvatori, left, and Sgt. Paul E. Clark, instructor, right

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## EDITORIAL

### LONG REMEMBER

Cover them over with beautiful flowers,  
Deck them with garlands, those  
brothers of ours,  
Lying so silent by night and by day,  
Sleeping the years of their manhood  
away.

—Will Cameron.

Yes, we cover them over with beautiful flowers in tribute to the honored dead of all the wars which this country has fought. We try, in some small measure, to consecrate the memory of those who died in defense of our country and its sacred principles of democracy.

No editorial describes the spirit of Memorial Day more adequately than the first official recognition of the holiday, a general order issued in 1868 by Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. In part, it says:

"The thirtieth day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

"We shall guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders.

"Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed ground.

"Let no vandalism or avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free republic.

"If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts grow cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain.

"Let us, then, at the appointed time, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of Springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

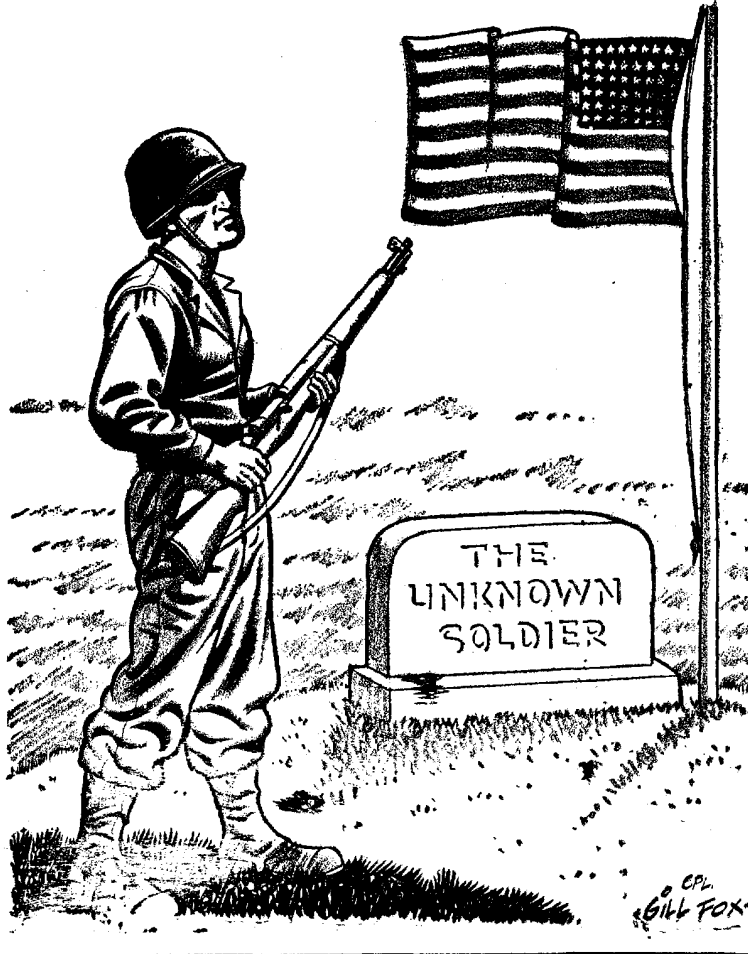
### TROPICALS

There has been considerable discussion by enlisted men of the Division concerning the recent order which prohibits the wearing of summer uniforms other than those issued by the Government — specifically tropical worsteds.

That the order works a hardship on many men who had purchased "tropicals" is undeniable. However, an Army Regulation specifically states that no uniform or parts thereof other than that of the type issued to enlisted personnel will be worn.

The regulation pertains not to the 63d Div. alone. It is intended to apply throughout the Army. The soldier who wishes to be "dressier" than in sun-tans is out of luck, but he has no alternative.

## That These Dead Shall Not Have Died in Vain



## News from Here and There

### Wac's Arm Stretched By Snappy Salute

ENGLAND (CNS)—Many Wacs in Britain have arms of odd lengths, according to an extraordinary discovery made by Capt. Vera von Stein, of Los Angeles, who is CO of Wacs at the headquarters of the Ninth AAF Bomber Command. "It seems that many Wacs' right arms are longer than their lefts," Capt. von Stein reports. "Maybe it's because they salute so much."

### Diamond Queen Bakes For GI Cake Eaters

SOUTH AFRICA (CNS) — Mrs. Carlotta Oppenheimer, wife of a South African diamond king, is the champion amateur cake-maker of this war. She makes cakes and jams by the ton and ships them to Allied fighters, principally Canadians and Americans, all over the world.

### U. S. Fliers Four Up On Japs on Planes

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—U. S. fliers in the Pacific and Asiatic theaters of war have a four to one edge on the Japs, according to a report recently released by the Secretary of War. American fliers have destroyed 4,887 Jap planes since the war began while losing 1,214 planes.

### 'No Letter Today,' Sergeant's Theme Song

SAN DIEGO, CAL. (CNS) — M/Sgt. Ray Morgan is sick and tired of reading about soldiers who boast of the length of the letters their girl friends send them from home. Sgt. Morgan claims a different type of distinction. "I haven't received a letter in 10 years," he admits cheerfully. "The last letter I got was in November, 1933. It came from the Southern California Telephone company and returned a nickel for a wrong number."

### New York Leaders Seek Jobs for Vets

NEW YORK (CNS) — Former Gov. Alfred E. Smith has organized a group of New York civic and industrial leaders who will seek to pledge business and industry to line up post war jobs for 750,000 returning New York servicemen and women as well as for war workers here.

### Stewed Beef, Soldier, Make Hit With Waitress

NEW YORK (CNS)—A fun-lov-

ing soldier walked into a restaurant here and tried to make a date with the counter girl. When she turned him down, he dumped a beef stew over her head, punched the manager in the eye, broke two chairs, a table and several dozen dishes and threw a ketchup bottle through the window before he was restrained by the police.

"He had been drinking," the manager declared while pressing his suit against the soldier in court the next day. "But I don't think he was intoxicated. At least he swore intelligently."

### 100 Mail Missions Net Clerk Citation

CALCUTTA (CNS) — Cpl. Max Wendroff, of Passaic, N. J., has been decorated by Maj. Gen. Howard Davidson, Tenth AAF commander, for completing 100 missions—as a mail orderly.

Each day Cpl. Wendroff travels up and down dusty roads here carrying mail to his fighter-bomber group. So faithful has he been to his work that Gen. Davidson personally pinned on his tunic a medal designated as the "Mailbag Cluster," awarded for his aid to "the morale of his organization."

### Infantry Applicants Increased to 200 Daily

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than 200 enlisted men a day are applying for transfer to the Infantry as a result of a recent War Department announcement that enlisted men under 32 may request such transfers.

Under this procedure, qualified men from all other arms may make written requests through military channels to the Adjutant General, giving name, grade, age, serial number, organization, military occupational specialist and specification serial numbers.

The transfers are made in grade with no loss of pay or reduction in rating.

### Separation Centers Speed Vet Discharges

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The War Department has announced a new system of speeding up the machinery for discharging soldiers at special separation centers.

The plan operates with a minimum of red tape. Each soldier gets a brief and snappy orientation talk about his return to civilian life. Then he gets a complete medical examination, the first installment of his mustering out pay and travel pay to the place of his induction.

All told, only 48 hours will be lost from the time a GI arrives at the separation center until he boards a train for home. Previously this procedure took three weeks or more.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Howard D. Prather  
(255th Infantry)

The writer of the book of Proverbs had a keen insight into human character when he wrote, "As a man thinketh, within himself, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7) Volumes could be written on the expression so often heard, "I never stopped to think." We use it as an excuse for our blunders, or disasters, our reckless and sinful living, our mistakes in business and in many other ways.

Is it actually true that we don't stop to think or is it just an expression showing the deceitfulness and fallacy of wrong and hasty thinking. We are constantly thinking and every choice we make is the result of thought. But the carefulness and thoroughness of our thinking may be questioned. Truly then we need quality thinking.

Man determines the quality of his own thought. Shakespeare made Hamlet say, "There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so." How true these words ring today. Each person has his own baffling problems in the realm of his thought life. The great currents of life, economic, social, industrial, educational and religious beat heavily upon the whole man and he must be able to think straight and to say yes or no as a result of his thought.

Quality of thinking is a determiner of character. It determines to a very large degree our place in the world. Our task as soldiers is going to be made by the way we apply our thought as well as our physical bodies to the task before us.

Again, thinking is a determiner of personality. Right thinking discovers truth, and truth gives freedom. We still hear the ringing of those words, "As a man thinketh, within himself, so is he." The person who thinks in terms of victory has already achieved a great portion of that victory.

## G. I. Jingles

### WHAT FOR

Pearl Harbor, and Nurse Cavell;  
Because the Huns are hounds of hell,  
Hitler, Tojo and Roosevelt,  
Heute Europa, Morgen die Welt;  
CCC and America First,  
Harriet Stowe and Randolph Hearst,  
The Forty-Niners, Lewis and Clark,  
Little Log Cabin and Big Hyde Park;  
To save America, mine from birth,  
To sweep Japan from the face of the earth;  
Up with labor, down with strikes,  
This is the land of Doasyoulikes;  
An Eastern millionaire, named duPont,  
And Senator Wheeler (Dem. from Mont.)  
It is only fair that I share the load  
of El Dorado and Tobacco Road.

These are our war cries, these and more—  
Dear God, is this what I'm fighting for?

No.....  
I fight because I cannot understand.  
I only know that men have fought  
Ere I was born, and after I have lived,  
Will fight again.  
But this I know.....  
When I have lived, and fought, and died,  
If there shall come a time when some man lives  
Who has in him the soul to grasp,  
'This coupled with the art to draw:  
If this man lives, and is allowed to live  
Until his picture painted,  
Or his song is sung,  
And this because I fought....  
Then shall I be glad I lived, and fought  
and died.

—From "Mostly Subjective" by Johnnie McReynolds,  
Baton Rouge, La.

The Office of War Information, believe it or not, says that the Germans and Japs believe the war is lost and are preparing for the next one. Some folks never know when they have enough. They need a good lesson and it is not too late to give them one.

All roads lead to Rome once again but as in England, a lot of historic places will have to suffer because of the German's over-developed desire for "Kultur."

More things are happening in Burma besides the monsoon.

They say that in Chungking an egg costs 35 cents in American money, a pound of bread \$4, a cake of soap \$3, etc., etc., etc. There's inflation for you!

Somehow the little home front annoyances fade away, when one thinks of the hard fighting in Italy.

# Gala Program To Be Staged On Anniversary

(Continued From Page 1) and enlisted men, who are cordially invited by the Commanding General to enjoy dinner and supper at their respective mess halls. "Open house" is extended to local press, radio, newsreel and magazine correspondents.

**Program Starts 0630**  
Festivities will begin at 0630 with all men assembled for a Division review. Gen. Hibbs and his staff will review the troops and will then present awards to men who have qualified for the Expert Infantryman's Badge. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Cmdr., will lead the Division in review.

Following the review and awarding of prizes Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. Comdr., will address the formation on the "Role of the Infantry," and Gen. Hibbs will speak to the men on "The Meaning of Organization Day." Lt. Col. William E. Patrick, Division Chaplain, will offer the invocation, and Maj. William J. Guinan, assistant Division Chaplain, will give the benediction.

From 1000 to 1130 the softball championship of the division will be decided when finalists who have weathered league competitions will meet. A track meet featuring 11 events will also be held during this time, as well as a series of military events featuring the use of weapons from the light machine gun to the 155 mm howitzer.

On the Outdoor Theater grounds a Circus Review will be presented between 1000 and 1130. Inclement weather may force the circus to be held in Theater No. 1 but the other exercise will be held as scheduled. All PXs in the division will remain open from 1000 to 2130.

At 1200 chicken dinners will be served in all mess halls followed by free movies at all theaters from 1300 to 1700.

A baseball game is scheduled for 1500 on the main diamond, in the rear of the parade grounds.

Dances and variety shows from 2000 until 2330 will be staged in all Rec Halls. They are: Special Troops, CT Red, CT White, CT Blue and Div. Arty. Rec Halls.

All Division Officer's Clubs will feature a Buffet at 1800 and dancing from 2000 to 2400.

## Waller Named Manager Of Camp Phone Bureau

Southern Bell Telephone Co., through its Jackson District Manager, J. B. Kincaid, announced the appointment of J. W. Waller, Jr., Jackson, Miss., as Manager of the Camp Van Dorn Exchange, this week.

Mr. Waller succeeds Charles A. Hayes, in charge since June 1, 1943, who has been inducted into the Navy. He is an experienced telephone man, having had special training in handling soldier telephone problems.

Mr. Waller's office is located at the Post Signal Office, telephone 811.

## WINS PING-PONG TITLE

Lt. Robert A. Scruton, 254th Inf. personnel adjutant, outplayed fellow officers to win the CT White ping-pong championship last week.

The victor achieved final honors with a three to one victory over Lt. Nicholas Black.

## Blind Vets to Get Seeing Eye Dogs

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the training of 1,000 leader dogs for blind veterans of this war. It is believed that this will take care of the needs of all men that will be blinded during the war.



**GAS ATTACK** is launched as men of CT White train under actual battle conditions. Bottom photo shows Capt. Clarence Ax, liaison officer of the 1st Bn., 254th Inf., (left), and Pfc. Joseph Volpe, Hq. Batry, 862d F. A. at telephone, with masks adjusted as dynamite explodes at left. Upper photo shows gun crew of 105 mm howitzer adjusting masks as tear gas bursts nearby. The exercises were held to accustom men of the Combat Team to battle conditions.



## Brothers Reunited After Separation

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of April he was caught in the program of returning aviation cadets to their original services and was assigned to the 63d Div.

At Ft. Sill, Mike, who had been told he was shipping out, was discussing his prospects with Mrs. Benvlengo.

"Mike, wouldn't it be wonderful if you were sent to Camp Van Dorn with Frank?" she said.

"Yes," he replied, "there certainly is a good chance of that, especially with there being only a few thousand other camps in the country that I might go to."

Hoping that the orders might be in, he called his headquarters and was amazed to hear he was assigned to the 63d Div., Camp Van Dorn.

Upon his arrival here May 10 he immediately looked up his brother. Mike was lying half asleep on his bunk in Co. B, 253d Inf. when Frank walked in and said "Hiya Mike." Mike, in a real double-take, opened his eyes; closed them again; then leaped wide-eyed from his bunk and yelled "Frank."

"Being almost asleep the way I was," Frank related, "I wasn't sure if I was dreaming or not, when I looked up and saw Mike there."

After his three-week refresher course with the 253d Inf., Frank was assigned to the 861st F. A., but commanders of the 861st and 862d, upon learning the situation, arranged for Frank's transfer.

## Fate Returns 63d Noncoms To Original Training Site

The long arm of coincidence put the fickle finger of fate on two noncoms of the 253d Inf. when it assigned them to the 63d Div. recently.

Sgt. Robert E. Clements, Co. A, of Montpelier, Vt., trained at Camp Van Dorn for nine months with the 393d Inf., 99th Div. before being assigned to Keesler Field for AAF training. A former pilot with 89 air hours to his credit, Clements was sent to George Peabody school, Nashville, Tenn., and then to the pilot's pool at Greenville, Miss.

This week Sgt. Clements found himself back in Camp Van Dorn—back in the same battalion area where he received his first infantry training; back, in fact, in quarters one away from the barracks which he occupied as a rookie nearly two years ago.

Cpl. Warren Neuman, 20-year-old Oakland, Calif., resident, had nearly the same story to tell.

## Pork Chops on Hoof Distributed Sans Points

MARIAN, ILL.—"Pigs for free" was the word that went around, when George C. Champ said he would give a truck load of them away on the public square, and he kept his word. Champ gave as his reason his inability to buy feed for the porkers, as corn sales had been frozen.

Trained here with the 99th Div., he went to Memphis, Tenn., for aviation training—and returned to the infantry, to the barracks next to the one lived in as a trainee.

Both Sgt. Clements and Cpl. Neuman were amazed this week to meet each other at Camp Van Dorn ten months after they had parted, to go separate ways in the Air Force.

"It felt like home coming back to Camp Van Dorn," Sgt. Clements said. "It was a pleasant surprise—and a coincidence you wouldn't expect to encounter in a hundred years."

## 254th Inf. Gets Seven Additional Lieutenants

Seven more lieutenants in addition to those assigned last week, have been added to the 254th Inf., it was announced this week by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander.

Four of the newcomers were transferred from Camp Hood, Tex., they are 1st Lt. Fred Hoffstetter, who has been assigned to Service Co., as Gn. S-4; and 1st Lt. Ranel W. Hanson, been assigned to Co. D. Also 2d Lt. William Lehmborg, who is with Co. I, and 2d Lt. Walter Phifer with Co. L.

Others are 1st Lt. Robert J. Brennan, now with Co. K, 1st Lt. William L. Wolfe, who is with Service Co., and 1st Lt. John J. Andrews, assigned to Co. E.



NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Found scantily attired and covered with oil, feathers and paint in Bedford Hills, N. Y., seven New Rochelle High school boys are faced with the problem of digging up \$50 to pay for disfigurement of a police car and the interior of the police station which were smeared with the gooey mess from the boy's bodies. Although police are not prosecuting the boys, victims of a fraternity initiation, someone will have to pay for cleaning the damaged equipment, probably the fraternity, they say.

CHICAGO—Hugh B. Cross, acting governor of Illinois, advocated a speedy return to the use of the whipping post as a more practical means of crime prevention. "It has been amply demonstrated," declared Cross, "that swaggering bullies who beat up their wives, and confidence men, would much prefer to serve a prison sentence rather than suffer the humiliation of being publicly flogged."

BALTIMORE, Md. — Weary of ribs gouged by the elbows of hop and jump artists, the jitterbugs, 51-year-old John R. Delaney has stopped dancing in public places. Delaney, a traffic court bailiff, said he would keep in form at home with an occasional Irish jig or a Highland fling until the jitterbug craze is spent.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA (CNS)—When a local resident came home and found that his mother-in-law had arrived unexpectedly for a three-months' stay, he hit her with a potted geranium plant he had bought as a wedding anniversary gift to his wife.

CRIPPLE CREEK, COL. (CNS)—Arthur Marks has sued his wife for divorce on the grounds that she stepped on his face every night while climbing over him to her side of the bed.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A window cleaner working on the windows of the Board of Trade building kicked the bucket just as a group of school teachers was passing beneath him. The bucket, in this instance, was full of soapy water. And so, eventually, were the school teachers.

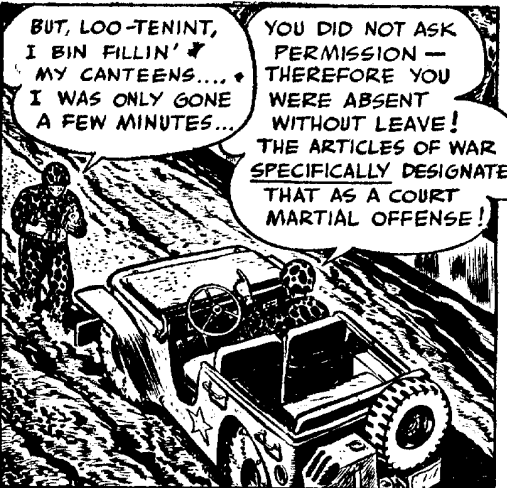
RICHMOND, VA. (CNS)—A serious shortage of grave diggers is the latest manpower crisis precipitated in Richmond by the war.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (CNS)—A local resident has appealed to his ration board for a new set of stamps. He said he inadvertently destroyed his red stamps while discarding some unneeded blue ones. "I'm color blind," he explained.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—GIs in Alaska are nice boys, but they're shy, according to Ingrid Bergman, easy-to-look-at movie star who recently returned from a tour of camps in that theater. "We practically had to chase them," she added.

CLEVELAND (CNS)—Two girls in bobby-socks peered at the headlines on a newsstand. "British Bomb Sumatra," one headline read. "Gosh!" one of the girls exclaimed, "why are they picking on poor Frankie?"

## Male Call



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



# CTs Blue and Red to Playoff Protested Game

## Swimming Team Candidate Won National Rating

### Pvt. John Simpson Made All-America Squad; Tryouts Near

Response to Lt. Bernard H. Levkoff's call for candidates for a swimming team uncovered a wealth of talent within the 63d Div.

More than a score answered the Asst. Div. Special Service officer's



Pvt. Simpson the privilege of representing the 63d in tests with other organizational and collegiate rivals.

Outstanding among the prospective competitors is Pvt. John W. Simpson, of Co. K, 255th Inf., who should assure the team some points where ever he may display his talents from the diving platforms. A former air cadet, Simpson was named to the All-America squad in 1939 and again in 1943 while competing for Ohio State University.

Cpl. Robert W. Kennedy, Co. C, 253d Inf., another former air cadet, swam the short sprints for Washington State prior to his tenure as safety swimming instructor at the University of Missouri.

Pvt. Elmer J. Munc, 563d Sig. Co., lists the role of swimming director for the Cleveland Central YMCA in his nautical background. Pvt. William M. Cushman, Div. Hq., also was an instructor as well as a participant in the last Olympic team tryouts while swimming for the Boston YMCA and the Boston Swimming Association teams.

Arrangements are virtually completed for use of a nearby swimming pool for development of the squad which presently also numbers, in addition to the above, S/Sgt. R. G. Lehman, Jr., and Pvt. Charles Szymanski, both of Co. F, 255th Inf.; Cpl. Adin Mirrow, 253d Med. Det., Cpl. Eugene A. Fournier, 63d Rcn. Trp., Pvt. James L. Robertson, Co. C, 253d Inf., Cpl. Adolph Stumbrio, Serv. Btry., 718th F. A., T/5 Robert A. Latour, Hq. Co. 2d Bn. 255th Inf., T/Sgt. M. Kanuha, Co. E, 253d Inf., Pvt. Menko Rose and B. Seiden, Co. E, 254th Inf.; Cpl. Gill Fox, Div. Hq., and Pfc. Daniel J. O'Connell, Btry. B, 862d F. A.

## Redcats Play All-Stars On Baton Rouge Field

For the first time since the visit of the New Orleans Pels, a 63d Div. baseball team will meet professional opposition when the CT Red nine plays the Baton Rouge All-Stars at Legion Field in the Baton Rouge City Park, tomorrow at 1:30.

Cpl. Oscar Miller's Redcats will tangle with a heavy-hitting combination boasting a 31-0 triumph over New Iberia, La., and a 9-1 decision over the Alexandria Air Base.

## Headquarters Battery Ties for Second Place

Hq. Btry. topped C Btry. 7-5, last week to tie for runner-up honors in the 863d F. A. Softball League.

The triumph gave Headquarters a record of two victories and two defeats for a deadlock with A Btry. The championship went to the unbeaten Serv. Btry. ten with four straight victories.

Score by innings: Hq. Btry. . . . . 202 010 02-7 Btry. C . . . . . 014 090 00-5



"BOOMPASA DAISY" was played at the plate during the fourth inning of the Division Baseball League game between CTs Red and Blue on the latter's field, Wednesday. S/Sgt. Ray Koehler, Redcat outfielder, (No. 13 above) bumped into T/Sgt. Gifford Kirchdorfer, Blue catcher, after being forced at the plate with the bases full. The score was 3-2 in the Blue's favor but the game ended under protest from the Red.

## Unbeaten Teams Advance In Division Softball Play

Harassed by inclement weather, Division softball competition hit a lull last week after a period of consistent and entertaining activity.

CT White's units were at a complete halt, while with the exception of teams in CT Blue where the participants managed to get in considerable playing between rain drops, there were few games in the other two loops.

Several teams which have been unbeaten managed to stay that way and at the same time they furthered their respective bids for

## Blue Nine Wins From 214th F. A.

CT Blue sweated out a bad start to wind up with a 7-4 decision over the 214th F. A. Bn. in an inter-unit game on the victor's diamond last week.

The Artillery nine pushed across two runs with none out in the first inning. Sgt. Bohenko, pitching for the Blue, pulled out of that situation with help of a double play and the Blue went on to assume a 3-2 lead.

Neither team showed great power at the plate, but the Blue produced three runs for a 6-2 bulge in the fifth and kept ahead of its rival to the final out.

The box score: 214th F. A. ABRHOAE 4 1 0 2 1 1 Conover, 2b 4 1 0 2 1 1 Muller, rf 4 0 1 1 0 0 Prentiss, cf 3 1 1 2 0 1 Hansen, 2b 4 0 2 1 1 0 Miller, 1b 3 1 0 8 1 0 Valeria, c 3 0 0 0 0 0 McMurtrie, ss 3 1 2 0 1 0 Bailey, c 3 0 0 4 0 0 Brothers, p 2 0 1 0 0 0 Birmingham, p 1 0 0 0 0 0 Totals 29 4 7 18 4 2

CT Blue ABRHOAE Levy, 2b 3 1 0 2 0 1 Donzona, 1b 3 2 0 7 0 1 Lanzetti, ss 4 1 2 0 1 0 Stampiglio, cf 2 1 1 2 3 0 Freeman, lf 2 1 1 2 0 0 Debovoise, rf 3 0 0 0 0 0 Quinn, c 3 0 1 4 0 0 Wnek, 3b 3 1 1 2 0 0 Bohenko, p 2 0 1 1 0 0 O'Brien, p 1 0 0 1 0 0 Olesky, p 0 0 0 0 0 0 Totals 27 7 7 21 1 4

CT White's baseball team will play a holiday double-header with the Harding Air Field nine on the latter's diamond on Memorial Day. The Airmen will return the visit, coming to Camp Van Dora on July 4.

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battalion and company championships. In the Green circuit, Co. C of the 363d Med. Bn. won its ninth in a row to assure itself a place in the league playoffs, making Co. A the medium of achieving this distinction. The score was 9-2.

Co. C, of the 253d Inf., stepped into first place in the 1st Bn. pennant chase with a 9-0 shutout of Co. A, thereby making its approaching game with Co. D the determining factor in its bid for a place in CT Red playoffs.

Cpl. Lovell Stewart, who produced a no-hit, no-run game last week, turned in a three-hit hurling stint for his Co. I teammates in the 255th Inf. to give them a 4-2 decision over Co. M in CT Blue competition. Stewart struck out 12 batters as his team picked off its fifth straight victim.

In this same circuit, Co. H, 2d Bn. leader, had a scare before winning an 11-inning thriller from Co. E, 2-1. This, incidentally, was the third time "E" was beaten by a run in extra innings.

Among artillerymen in this division, Btry. B, 863d F. A., pressed closer to its battalion throne by picking off a pair of opponents. The Bakers topped Service Btry., 10-3, although outhit. Their second triumph was a 3-2 decision over Hq. Btry.

## 718th F. A. Bowlers Win Match From 253d Inf.

Btry. B, 718th F. A., packed too much "fire power" for the infantry last week when it walloped Co. A, 253d Inf., by a margin of 233 pins in a bowling match on the No. 2 alleys.

The Redlegs won the first two games by comfortable margins so that a slump in the third, while costly to the amount of 36 pins, did not materially alter the outcome.

Pfc. Booth, of the 718th, had the high game with 212 for his second turn at the line. The high three-game total went to a teammate, S/Sgt. Pillar, who bowled 204-196-187-587.

718th F. A. 1st 2d 3d Ttl. Borden 295 162 154 522 Wille 169 181 154 424 Booth 133 212 154 498 Pillar 204 196 187 537 Perz 172 157 154 483 Totals 833 908 803 2,594 253d Inf. 1st 2d 3d Ttl. Yuskavich 167 146 166 477 Robinson 132 157 123 412 Costello 124 147 170 451 Hasinstein 127 157 189 482 Symeyket 153 191 191 535 Totals 723 798 839 2,358

## The Box Score

CT Red - ABRHOAE Arnold, ss 4 0 0 2 2 1 Gerlock, 2b 4 1 1 1 2 2 Bacchi, c 4 1 1 1 1 0 Koehler, lf 4 0 1 0 0 0 Cortese, 1b 3 0 0 9 0 0 Miller, p 2 0 0 0 3 0 McCullough, cf 4 0 1 1 0 0 Poggi, 2b 4 0 0 0 2 0 Harris, rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 Totals 32 2 6 24 19 5 CT Blue - ABRHOAE Levy, 2b 4 0 1 2 2 0 Donzona, 1b 3 0 0 7 0 0 Lanzetti, ss 3 1 1 2 4 0 Baker, 3b 4 1 0 4 3 1 Stampiglio, cf 4 1 1 3 1 0 Debovoise, rf 4 0 1 1 0 0 Freeman, lf 4 0 1 2 0 0 Kirchdorfer, c 3 0 1 7 1 0 Haag, p 3 0 0 0 2 0 Totals 32 3 5 27 13 1

## 260 Entries Ready For CT Red Meet

With a total of 260 entries for 11 events listed on the program, CT Red athletes are preparing for their track and field meet scheduled to be held next Saturday afternoon on the regimental parade grounds in the rear of Theater No. 1, it was announced today by Capt. Richard G. Cox, regimental intelligence officer and acting special service officer.

Victors in the big meet will be qualified to represent the 253d at the Organization Day championships which will be held Thursday, June 15.

Entries for the regimental meet include men from Cannon Anti-Tank, and Service Companies in addition to contestants from the regular line companies.

Track events will include the 100, 220, and 440 yard dashes, the 880 yard and mile runs, a 440, 880, and mile relay, the running broad jump, and an obstacle race.

## Meet to Qualify Victors for Trip

Track and field performers in the 63d Div. Organization Day program, June 15, will have added incentive to put forth their finest efforts.

Plans have been made for an all-servicemen's track and field meet at City Park Stadium, New Orleans, Sunday, June 25. Those whose performances here are of good enough quality will be sent to the AAU-sponsored meet in the Crescent City as Blood and Fire representatives.

NCAA rules are to govern the meet, which will consist of the high and low hurdles, 110 and 220 yard dashes, quarter, half and mile runs, half mile relay, pole vault, running high jump, running broad jump, 16-lb. shot, discus and javelin throw.

## DIVISION SOFTBALL LINEUPS

Co. C ABRH[Co. D ABRH Moore, c 4 2 0 Cocita, c 4 1 2 Berlin, p 4 2 2 Piacelli, p 4 1 2 L'ewski, 2b 1 0 0 Buh, 1b 3 0 3 Pedrick, ss 4 1 0 Beadie, ss 3 0 1 L'owiski, 2b 4 1 1 Sterba, cf 3 0 0 Arbasak, 1b 4 1 1 Harris, 3b 3 0 0 M'inski, cf 3 1 1 McElroy, 2b 1 0 0 M'paugh, lf 3 1 1 Harrison, lf 2 0 0 Rose, rf 2 1 0 Lee, rf 3 0 0 Wisner, cf 2 1 0 Frakes, cf 1 0 0 M'giore, rf 2 0 1 Coolidge, 2b 2 0 0 Schutz, lf 0 0 0 Appelt, sf 2 1 1 Totals 36 10 8 Totals 32 3 10

Co. C 253d Med. 125 019 1-9 Co. D, 253d Med. 009 209 0-2 Co. C ABRH[Co. A ABRH Doyle, 3b 4 1 0 Hornefelt, 2b 3 0 1 R'briger, 2b 4 0 0 Edwards, c 3 0 0 Delgado, rf 3 1 0 H'ntstein, rf 3 0 0 Jessup, lf 4 3 2 Brown, ss 3 0 2 Murphy, ss 4 2 2 Darke, lf 3 0 0 Vantia, c 4 1 2 Cugga, 1b 3b 3 0 0 Lanz, p 3 1 4 Costello, sf 2 0 0 Mac'vak, cf 4 0 0 V'million, cf 2 0 0 Mala, 1b 3 0 1 Miles, 1b 2 0 0 Dennis, sf 3 0 0 Snyder, p 2 0 1 Totals 35 9 9 Totals 29 0 4

Co. C 253d 601 029 0-9 Co. A, 253d 009 090 0-0 Co. E ABRH[Co. H ABRH Capponi, 3b 4 0 1 Anthony, lf 4 0 1 Green, ss 4 1 1 Gerlock, c 3 1 0 Kilbride, cf 4 0 0 Donzona, ss 1 0 0 School, cf 5 0 0 Lanzetti, 2b 4 0 1 M'ching, 1b 4 0 0 Smith, 1b 4 1 1 Leonard, c 4 0 0 Langrath, cf 4 0 0 Papuzzi, 2b 4 0 0 Langrath, cf 4 0 0 Matulis, lf 2 0 2 T'leton, sf 3 0 0 M'gillion, p 3 0 0 Durst, rf 3 0 0 R'right, rf 3 1 0 Freeman, p 3 0 0 Totals 36 1 6 Totals 33 2 3

Score by innings: Co. E, 253d . . . . . 000 100 000 00-1 Co. H, 253d . . . . . 009 100 000 91-2

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

**63d QM Co.**—Several promotions became effective last week. Promoted to S/Sgt. were: Harold Hayes, Russell Vanella and Frank Pianese to Sgt.; Adolph G. Goldbach and Edward J. Brady, to T/5; John Tevlin. . . While on furlough recently, Pfc. Carmen Marino married his childhood sweetheart, the former Miss Doris Purdy. . . QM far exceeded its quota of three blood donors when 13 men answered the call of the Red Cross Blood Bank. They were: Sgt. Charles Stolfo, Cpl. Joe Buono, Pvt. Bob Fraissinet, Pfc. Larry Wondrack, Pfc. Robert Cooney, Pfc. Raymond Beard, T/5 Carl Helsehe, Cpl. Leslie Mansfield, Sgt. Edward Brady, Pfc. Richard Devereaux, Pfc. Ray Ameijide and Pvt. Clifford Bach.

**253d Inf.**—Pvt. Saul Moscowwitz, Co. C, is a CPA whose preinduction job was re-negotiating war contracts for the Treasury department. His Treasury agent's work involved hundreds of thousands of dollars. . . T/Sgt. Louis Fusari, sergeant major, 1st Bn., calls his headquarters a "commando post," since the three enlisted men in the headquarters successfully completed the 25-mile hike as part of competition for the infantryman's badge, including the 42-year-old sergeant major. . . Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo, leader of the regiment's orchestra, has a broken tooth to prove that he's a combat soldier. He suffered the injury while running the compass course last week. . . Pvt. Jack Green is in Station Hospital recovering from injuries received when the Baton Rouge bus overturned Sunday. . . Pvt. Robert Lias, I&R platoon, returned from an emergency furlough to report he's the father of twins, Catherine Lynn and Carol Ann. There are twins in both his and his wife's family. Already the father of a 23-month-old daughter, his Army pay of \$28 is augmented by his wife's dependency benefit of \$120. . . Lt. Charles Borland, Asst. Regt. Adj., has returned from a two-month course in Advanced Army Administration at Ft. Washington, Va. . . Col. Edward P. Lukert, regimental commander, his wife and daughter will see Col. Lukert's son, Edward P. Lukert, Jr., graduate from Columbia Military academy, Columbia, Tenn.

**254th Inf.**—A perfect attendance record is claimed by the Med. Det. which hasn't an AWOL against its record since last September. . . Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, commended Maj. Abraham Glatzer, Det. Comdr., for the orientation display in the day room. . . The regiment personnel office lost an important figure when CWO Walter Durkin was transferred to the 135th Engineers. . . Serv. Co. has added to its livestock. Besides Henrietta (who delivers a daily egg) and Jackson's pig, it has acquired a white nanny goat which is bottle fed; rubber nipple included. . .

**862d F. A.**—T/5 Serge Jacob of Btry. A, won a \$2.50 prize for naming the battery orientation center. His suggestion was "Victory—Our Destiny." . . Sgt. Otis W. Johnson, Btry. C, is the owner of the "car" that attracts so much attention. It consists of four wheels and a driver's seat. . . Hq. Btry. held a wienie roast on the CT White parade grounds last week. . . Seven men were promoted to T/4 this week. They were: Allen S. Kilmer, Enoch H. Taylor, Oscar Tudda, Cletus J. Campbell and Omer B. Matson, Hq. Btry.; Leon E. Faldowski, Btry. B, and Donald J. McDonnell, Btry. C .

**255th Inf.**—Companies E and F enlivened last week-end with parties in their respective dayrooms. Co. F teed off Thursday night and Co. E followed suit Friday night with affairs that were brightened by the presence of WAC and civilian guests of the soldiers. . . T/5 Ray Wachter, Serv. Co., was married on his recent furlough. The bride was the former Miss Julia Anne Kulonda, and the ceremony was performed in Lansdowne, Pa. . . S/Sgt. Perry Erhard, Co. M, reports that Mrs. Erhard and their small daughter arrived this week from Mayville, N. Y., for an extended visit. . . CT Blue NCO club will have that certain "homey" atmosphere when the wives of members finish redecorating it. Mrs. Ruby Helms, wife of Cpl. Dick Helms, Co. G, and Mrs. Margie Bradley, wife of Pvt. Jack Bradley, also Co. G, have worked out the color scheme and have bought paint and materials for curtains. . .

**863 F. A.**—Pfc. Ed Leja again won the battalion jitterburg championship at a recent dance. His partner was Miss Bet Lee of Crosby, Miss. . . A reshuffling of personnel in the operations section took place last week: S/Sgt. Vincent Immel is now head of the survey section and S/Sgt. Bloyd Corby is in charge of fire direction. . . Sgt. Harold R. Reilly, 2d section chief, Btry. C, is giving combat lessons which he learned the hard way with a F. A. Bn. in North Africa. Landing at Casablanca in January, 1943, Reilly's outfit saw action for the next five months. His battalion pulled out of the battle at Gabes when the American Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army met. . .

**718th F. A.**—It's rumored that "Tillie," Cpl. Arthur G. Woerner's pet squirrel, who returned recently after an unexplained absence without leave, is enceinte. Questioned, Cpl. Woerner exclaimed: "It beats me. I don't know any more about it than anyone else. We'll just have to wait and see." . . The battalion NCO club staged a party Wednesday night.

## Eugene Oliver, Former Coca-Cola Man, Is Dead

Eugene Oliver of Little Rock, Ark., assistant manager of the Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling plant, died at the Field Memorial Hospital Tuesday evening following a short illness.

Mr. Oliver came to Baton Rouge two years ago as one of the United States Guards when Van Dorn was under construction. On completion of the camp, the Guard unit was eliminated and he accepted a position with the bottling plant, which furnishes Coca-Cola to Camp Van Dorn.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Geneva Oliver, a daughter,

Mary Jean Oliver and a son, Sgt. R. M. Oliver, stationed at an Alaskan Air Base.

## Ethical Problem Posed For Seabee Recruit

**AN EAST COAST PORT (CNS)**—A Seabee recruit was stationed at the gate of a training command near here, with instructions to admit no car unless it carried a special tag.

Along came a tagless car carrying a high ranking officer. The guard stopped it. The officer ordered his driver to proceed.

"I'm sorry, sir," said the guard. "I'm new at this: Who do I shoot—you or the driver?"

**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.

## 255th Inf. Stages 63d's First Military Field Meet

Excelling in all events in which they had entries, the men of Co. M, 255th Inf., carried off the honors last Saturday when the regiment staged the first military field meet in the history of the 63d Div. The victors amassed 15 points with Co. C finishing in second place with 13 points. Third and fourth places were taken by Companies B and D with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Interested spectators were Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, and Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander.

Among the battalions, the 1st Bn., scored 183 points to lead the second Bn. which tallied 64.

The meet was the brain child of Lt. Mike Naddes, 255th Special Service officer, and his assistant, T/5 Alex Seigel. The events emphasized lessons learned in combat training, but the affair developed a sports flavor which saw approximately 1,200 participants being cheered on by their non-competing buddies as though it was the annual field day at old Siwash.

Only one first place actually went to the contestants from Co. M. S/Sgt. Schaller and Sgt. Vascinellos, won first place in the tent pitching and equipment display contest. The victors collected enough seconds and thirds, however, to give them the lead.

Marshal of the day was Col. Tombaugh. Lt. Col. John M. Underwood, was assistant marshal and referee, and Capt. Howard F. Baker was the clerk of the course. Pfc. John Simpson was the announcer.

Col. Tombaugh addressed the men briefly saying: "Physical excellence is the mark of an expert soldier, and it will serve you in good stead in whatever work you engage. I hope that this will not be the last of these military meets, and I'm sure it will not be for this type of competition in the American tradition is a distinct asset to our training."

- The summary:
- Cross Country Run—Won by Pvt. Larkin, Co. C; Sgt. Kaleen, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., second; Pvt. Schuster, Co. M, third.
  - Rifle Platoon, Defense Against Air Attack—Won by Co. A, 3d Platoon; Co. F, second; Co. G, third.
  - Tent Pitching and Equipment Display—Won by S/Sgt. Schaller and Sgt. Vascinellos, Co. M; Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Whittier, Co. B, second; S/Sgt. Griffith and Cpl. Lachete, Co. C, third.
  - Hasty Entrenchment—Won by Sgt. Carlson, Co. C; Sgt. Sully, AT Co., second; Sgt. Robak, Co. M, third.
  - A & P Platoon Field Job—Won by Hq. Co. 1st Bn.; Hq. Co. 2d Bn., second; Hq. Co. 3d Bn., third.
  - Communications Test (Pole Climbing)

—Won by T/5 Harmon, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; T/5 Latour, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., second; T/5 Morabito, Hq. & Hq. Co., third.

Motor Section Test (Inspection)—Won by Pvt. Johnson, Med. Det., Pvt. Caridas, Serv. Co., second; Pvt. Beach, Co. F, third.

37-MM AT Gun, in Out Action—Won by AT Co., Section, T/Sgt. Burdette (in action 0:16.1, out action 5:18.5), Hq. Co., 2d Bn., second; Hq. Co. 1st Bn., third.

105-MM Action (Out Action, All Crews Made Up of Cn. Co. Men)—Won by 1st Bn. Section, Sgt. Pevser, section chief, Cpls. Antosiewicz, Atwood, Teng, Laughlin, Pfc. Richardson, McWilliams, Murphy, Pvt. Necessary, and T/5 Gregory (driver).

Light Machine Gun (in, out Action)—Won by Co. K, Cpl. Olavick (in action 0:27, out action 0:6.4) Co. A, Sgt. Musciano, second; Co. E, Pvt. Capponi, third.

Light Mortars (in, out Action)—Won by Co. C, S/Sgt. Chelakis (in action 0:27, out action 0:11), Co. A, Sgt. Musciano, second; Co. E, Pvt. Capponi, third.

Heavy Machine Gun (in, out Action)—Won by Co. D, Co. M, second; Co. H, third.

Medical Detachment (Field Problem)—Won by 3d Bn., Hq. Section (in first; 1st Bn., third).

Grenade Throwing—Won by Cpl. J. G. Harlan, Co. K (18 pts out of 20) Pvt. R. W. Strausbaugh, Co. L, second; tie for third between Cpl. G. A. Burmeister, Co. M, Sgt. R. Wnek, Co. G, and Sgt. T. F. Spears, Co. C.

Breakdown and Assembly Test—Won by Sgt. Kozak, Co. E (Time 0:54.2) Sgt. Ferriere, Co. A, second; Sgt. Schneider, AT Co., third.

Creeper, Crawl, Run—Won by S/Sgt. Lehman, Co. F, Cpl. Grib, Co. B, second; Sgt. Teague, Co. I, third.

30-Yard Dash (C Uniform, Light Pack, Belt)—Won by Cpl. Peter Monsanto, Co. D, Pvt. Caputo, Co. L, second; Cpl. Chester Antosiewicz, Co. Co., third.

100-Yard Dash (C Uniform, Cart, Belt)—Won by Cpl. Monsanto, Co. D; Cpl. Minogue, Co. M, second; T/Sgt. Killbride, Co. E, third.

200-Yard Rifle Relay (C Uniform, Belt, Rifle Carried at Port Arms)—Won by Co. B (Sgts. McCarty and Lash, Cpl. Obal, Pvt. Darks; Hq. Co. 2d Bn., second; Service Co., third).

100-Yard Gas Mask Relay—Won by Hq. Co. 1st Bn. (Sgt. Kaleen, Cps. Reese and Major, Pvt. Barnes); Co. H, second; Co. M, third.

Litter Carrier Race (100-Yard Run with Four-Man Litter Carry and One Casualty)—Won by 2d Bn. Section; Hq. Section, second; 1st Bn. section, third.

Clerk-Typist Race (A 50-Yard Run with Portable Typewriter with Clerk Running to Table 50 Yards Distant, Typing Message and Returning to Start)

—Won by Cpl. West, Co. H (Time: 1:45), Cpl. Kistner, Co. F, second; Cpl. Back, AT Co., third.

TEAM SCORES	
Co. M	15 Pts.
Co. C	13 "
Co. B	11 "
Co. D	10 "
BATTALION SCORES	
1st Bn.	183 Pts.
2d Bn.	64 "
3d Bn.	55 "
Sp. Units	25 "

## 93d General's Son Is 255th Sergeant

According to Maj. Gen. Raymond G. Lehman, commander of the 93d Inf. Div., now in the Southwest Pacific, "There are two types of soldiers; the poor soldier wears a uniform for looks; but the good soldier turns his mind and body into a fighting machine."

Gen. Lehman's definition of a good soldier is the ideal that S/Sgt.

Raymond G. Lehman, Jr., Co. F, 255th Inf., son of the General, is trying to emulate here in the 63d Div.

The Hawaiian born, 22-year-old staff sergeant, who transferred here from the 62d Med. Bn., Camp

Barkeley, Tex., was "born" to the Army, having travelled to many Army posts in the United States and Hawaii during his father's 27-year military career.

That he has inherited much of his father's ability is demonstrated by his rapid rise to staff sergeant in six months. According to Sgt. Lehman, "I hope to attend the U. S. Military Academy at West Point after the war."

Lehman's life-long association with combat troops and a strong liking for adventure prompted him to request transfer to the infantry.

## New 254th Orchestra Has Debut at McComb

The 254th Inf. Orchestra has been reorganized and now offers a 14-piece combination built around three key men from the original band, the regimental Special Services Office announced this week.

The orchestra made its debut in McComb, Miss., at the regular Saturday night dance last week.

In addition to key men, Pvts. Gordon Bland, Jack Campbell and Mike DeBuino the orchestra consists of: Cpl. John DeVincentis, first trombone; and Pvts. Al Lewis, Stanley Susick; Joseph Hilly; Nicky Piazza; and Walter Sherr; Cpl. "Bubbles" Bubwiler and Pvt. Lloyd Chippis, vocalist.

The principal lesson of the Spanish-American War was the need for a larger regular army of the United States.

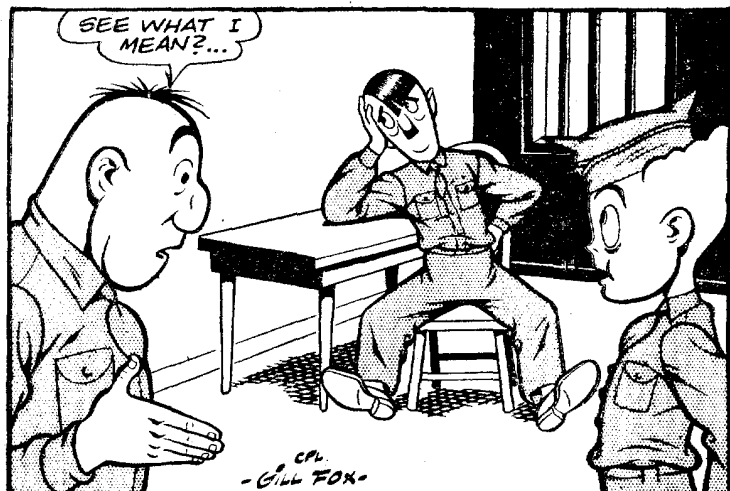
## BERNIE BLOOD



## In Need of a Hair Raid



## By GILL FOX



## Air Mail Privilege Is Granted Free To Voting Soldiers

GIs who are going to vote in the presidential elections this fall may get some of the information they need on absentee balloting by reading WD Circular 155, just issued by the War Department.

This circular recommends distinctive markings on postcard applications for absentee ballots to servicemen and back again to their home states. The purpose of this recommendation is to enable ballot applications to be sent by free air mail.

These new markings already are being printed on the new postcard applications and on the ballot envelopes which the War Ballot Commission has ordered for distribution to the Army, Navy and War Shipping Administration. It may be several months before these new forms are available, however.

Many states are sending out ballots on their own hook complete with envelopes that do not bear these new official markings and many GIs are still applying for ballots with the old-style postcards (WD AGO Form 569) which do not bear the air mail markings either. Soldiers are urged to mark these old style postcards and envelopes in the following manner:

"Free of postage including air mail. (War Ballot)."

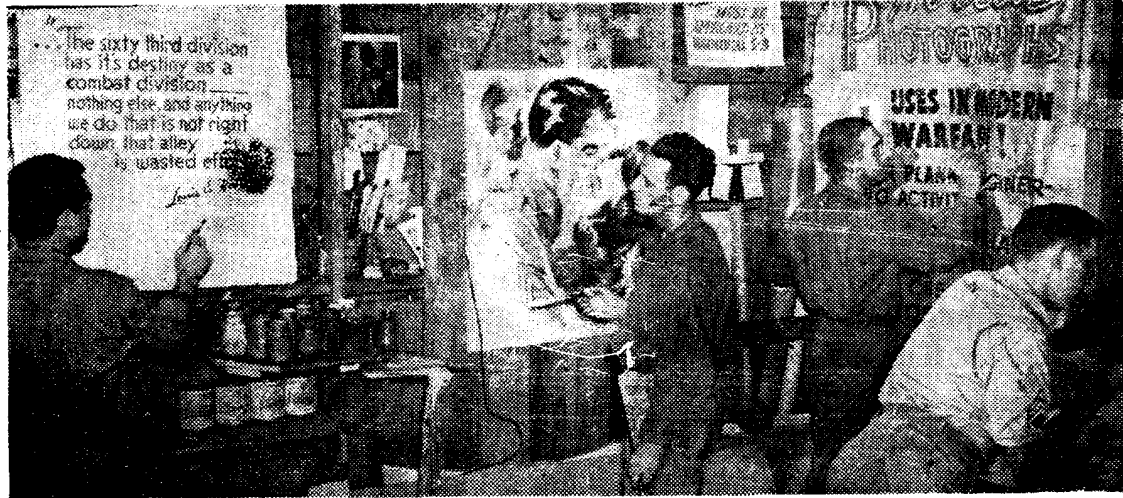
Then draw two heavy horizontal lines above the address and print between these lines the following: "Official election war ballot—Via air mail."

If you neglect to mark the postcards and envelopes plainly to let the post office know they are ballot mail, they may get buried in the regular mail and arrive too late to enable you to get your ballot back in time to vote.

## Ceremonies Slated For Memorial Day

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Confederate dead in 1863. On April 26, 1865, Mrs. Sue London Vaughn, a descendant of John Adams, second president, led a group of women to the cemetery at Vicksburg, Miss., and decorated the graves of soldiers there.

Memorial Day was not a legal holiday in any of the states until Union veterans in New York persuaded the legislature to pass an act in 1873 designating the 30th day of May as a public holiday. Six states followed the example of New York in subsequent years and it is now a legal holiday in all Northern states.



TRAINING AIDS for the Division are made by these men at a workshop set up in the CT Red Rec. Hall. Shown at work from left to right are Pvt. Phillip Gurka, Cpl. Howard Connolly, Pvt. Russell Stettler and S. Sgt. Ray Neri.

## Twilight Concert Is Well Received

The first of a series of twilight Concerts presented by men of the Division proved a marked success last Thursday as a large gathering heard a varied program of classical and semi-classical selections.

Two organ solos, Adagio by Handel and "Gloria in Excelsis" by Nordman, opened the concert with Pfc. Edward C. Miller at the organ. Cpl. Charles Rudibaugh of the 253d Inf., followed this with two cornet solos, "Andantino" by Lemarr and "Stars in a Velvety Sky" by Clarke.

Cpl. Richard L. Sutch, tenor, sang "Thine Alone" by Herbert and "I Love Life" by Zuzza, after which Pvt. Sam Savar, violinist, played "Ava Maria" by Gounod, and "Czardas" by Monti. Sgt. Stephen Smith, baritone, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte and "Ma Lindy Lou." Pvt. Stoddard Lincoln pleased with two piano selections by Chopin, "Fantasia Impromptu" and "Ballade."

A duet, "Oh, Divine Redeemer," Gounod, was sung by Pvt. Larrien Clark, baritone, and Pfc. John Vanderhoff, tenor.

Next week's concert will be held at Chapel 7, Division Special Services, sponsoring agency for the concerts, is still seeking additional talent from among members of the division.

Many experts have agreed that a force of 20,000 regular troops on the field of Bull Run would have crushed the Confederacy at its birth and ended the Civil War. But, the regular army consisted of only 16,000 troops scattered all over the country.

## GI Michelangelos of 253d Create 63d's Training Aids

Michelangelo never wore GI fatigues, never went on a 25-mile hike, never jogged over a squad run—

But the 253d Inf. has its own "GI Michelangelos," equally skillful with brush and rifle, and they are doing a combat job with both, according to Col. Edward P. Lukert, their regimental commander.

The four soldier-artists constitute the only "training aid shop" in the Blood and Fire Division. Their studio is a bare-walled cubbyhole offstage in the CT Red Rec. Hall, where hundreds of colorful

orientation displays, charts, sketches and portraits have been created in oils, pastels and water colors.

The soldier artists are Cpl. Howard Connolly, in charge of the project; S/Sgt. Ray Neri, Pvt. Phil Gurka and Pvt. Russell Stettler. Cpl. Connolly, Gurka and Stettler are members of Serv. Co. and Sgt. Neri is a member of Co. L. They work under the supervision of Lt. Edward R. Ertl, regimental orientation officer.

The unusual shop often is active far into the night and early morning, and there is little time for artistic endeavor. Yet Cpl. Connolly and his assistants, between making giant-size posters on assaulting an enemy position or illustrating the duties of a rifle coach, have found time to turn out a huge mural entitled "Are These Worth Fighting For?" for an entire wall of the rec. hall.

Maps of battle theaters, medical charts showing how to apply first aid in combat and illustrations of military signs and symbols are among the more than 500 training aids which the tiny shop, in operation four months, has turned out for training thousands of combat soldiers.

Cpl. Connolly, 38-year-old former pinup girl creator, is a nationally known illustrator and commercial artist. His home is in New York City, and he has been in the Army nine months.

Sgt. Neri, whose home is Hartford, Conn., is an intelligence sergeant who came to the 63d Div. from the 98th Div. Twenty-nine years old, he has been a lettering and layout artist for 13 years. He has been in the Army 22 months.

Stettler, 35, was a sign painter in Philadelphia. Gurka, 22, another Philadelphian, is a former art school student.

The shop started with a \$5-a-month budget for paints and brushes. Its volume of work has increased so that now \$30 a month is spent for materials. But emphasis is on using scrap materials and "field expedients."

The murals which the soldier artists are creating for the CT Red Rec Hall is an assignment for which, in civilian life, they would be receiving \$25 an hour.

## Three Make Expert On Carbine Range

Three men were Experts and 31 were Sharpshooters in Carbine marksmanship tests held May 11, the 254th Inf. announced this week.

Those qualifying for Expert were: Pvts. Everett C. Buck, Co. A, 181; Solomon Holeve, Co. L, 180 and Albert C. Landel, Co. B, 176.

Qualifying for Sharpshooter were: Pvts. Joseph P. Johnston, 172; Donald E. Glawson, 166 and Ziekmas P. Burke, 161, all of Hq. Co.; Pvts. Lawrence E. Small, 170; Joseph B. Meilo, 157; Marshall R. Winter, 163 all of Serv. Co.; Pvts. Delbert E. McCall, Cannon Co., 167; Robert G. Kelly, Co. A, 150; Pvts. Butler Hydrick, 167; Edward St. Germain, 164; Samuel K. King, 163; Henry W. Moscher, 160, all of Co. B; Pvts. Leo P. Noury, 165; Milton D. Coker, 165 and William D. Stephenson, 161; all of Co. C; Ralph E. Lane, 173 and Byron E. Woodard, 160; both of Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Pvts. Edwin B. Rasmussen, 169 and Steve M. Cytonavich, 161; both of Co. L; Pvts. Richard E. Tumms, Co. F, 160; Allen A. Baldwin, Co. G, 165; William A. Hill, Co. H, 162; Samuel Milano, Co. I, 166; Pvts. Starling K. Shealey, 174; Clinton J. Lee, 172 and Eugene M. Haben; all of Co. K; Pvts. Paul J. Blowers, 169; Emilio Campo, 165; Harry S. Emerson, 162; all of Co. L; Pvts. Paul E. Ripper, 167 and Kenneth L. Army, 165, both of Co. M.

## CT Blue Noncoms Hold Warmup Party

As a means of preparing for the gala opening of their renovated clubhouse Monday night, members of the CT Blue NCO club staged a party Thursday night, May 18, at the CT Blue Rec. Hall.

Scores of girls from Natchez, Baton Rouge and surrounding towns attended the affair, and the hall was gaily decorated with streamers. The entertainment committee, consisting of T/Sgt. Steve Javorsky, and Sgts. John A. Cioffi, and Donald L. Norburg, all of the Medics; and Cpl. Eugene P. O'Brien, Co. M., president of the club, arranged the decorations and supplied the refreshments.

Music and entertainment for the occasion was furnished by the Special Service Office of CT Blue.

The formal opening of the club Monday night is expected to be a gala affair and invitations have been sent to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, and other officials.

## 'Oh, My Back' Big Natchez Hit

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The mystifying tricks of Sgt. Eugene Galanter, and the uncanny powers of "Swami Swami" an Indian crystal gazer, who, though blindfolded can identify any object or person handily, provoked amazement and amusement among the audience.

A skit purporting to show what might happen if two gentlemen got into the wrong apartment and met a lovely creature whose husband was expected momentarily, and who did arrive, was well done by Cpl. Kay Cartwright of the WACS, Heath, Dolin and Bauman.

A musical number "When We Clean the Latrine," was humorously presented by Heath, Dolin and Seymour Barkowitz. Last but not least "Peaches La Trine," the striptease, performed her startling act of disrobing before the naked eyes of all Natchezians present and it is safe to say that not an eye closed during the proceedings.

By and large, "Oh, My Back" is good, lusty fun. Its humor was toned somewhat for the Natchez audience but it will be geared high when it hits the 13th Avenue midway. Many a GI from New York will undoubtedly be reminded of the time he saw that slam, bang cavalcade of laughs known as "Hellzapoppin."

## Additional Tests Set for Rifleman

Although a large percentage of the 1400 men who contested for the Expert Infantryman's Badge passed the War Department's proficiency tests, they have one more obstacle to hurdle before being awarded the badge.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. commander, announced this week that: "To be an expert infantryman one must be familiar with the organization, armament, formations and basic tactics of the rifle squad. For this reason the additional test has been added."

Only one test, the 9-mile speed march, was conducted this week. The final test will be held next week under the direction of Lt. Col. Donald E. Paul, 3d Bn. Commander, 253d Inf., assisted by Lt. Col. Walter J. Burk, 2d Bn. commander, 253d Inf. and Lt. Col. Edward A. Baier, executive officer, 254th Inf.

Results of the tests will be announced next week through BLOOD AND FIRE and the daily bulletins.

The Expert Infantryman's Badge which is issued in compliance with a War Department circular, is a silver musket on an infantry blue rectangle.

## War Bond Drive Starts on Thursday

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While no quota has been assigned for military personnel, no doubt each officer and enlisted man of the Army, who can possibly do so, will initiate a Class B allotment or increase that now in effect.



UNWELCOMED VISITORS are Cpl. James H. Wilson (left) and T-4 Daniel F. Heavener both of Co. G, 255th Inf., as they attempt to investigate a bird house constructed by them atop the rope climbing pole. Small European swallows called Martins moved into the house and the one shown in the center of the photo is protesting the intrusion of the humans vehemently.

**HURRY! HURRY!**

**JOIN THE CIRCUS!!**

DIVISION SPECIAL SERVICES

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Jugglers	Bayonet Swallowers
Aerialists	Fire Eaters
Clowns	Dancers
Equestrians	Singers
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**Be in the BIGGEST SHOW of the 63d Div.**

**Organization Day Program, June 15**

Contact Special Services Office, Sp. Trps. Rec. Hall  
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