

Blood and Fire

Circulation
20,000

Vol. 1, No. 51

63D INFANTRY DIVISION, CAMP VAN DORN, MISS.

June 3, 1944

TWO-DAY CELEBRATION SET FOR JUNE 15-16

Allies Zone Italy As Underground Points for D-Day

A hint of things to come when the armed might of the United Nations cracks Adolf Hitler's European fortress from the west was contained in a recent dispatch from the Italian Front which stated that the Allied High Command there had divided all of German-occupied Italy into six operational zones from which the Italian Underground may prepare "for the day of action."

The dispatch followed a joint statement released by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's Allied headquarters and Premier Pietro Badoglio's Italian High Command which said that the zones had been created so that the population living in each one would be able to receive permanent instructions by radio.

The zones were designated as follows:

- 1—No Man's Land comprising all the areas immediately ahead of the front lines of the Eighth and Fifth Armies, where no organized action on the part of the Italian population was foreseen.
- 2—The area surrounding Rome, for which "special instructions will be given—at the proper time."
- 3—The west coastal area.
- 4—The central Apennine Mountain areas.
- 5—The Adriatic coastal area.
- 6—Northern Italy.

The creation of the zones was announced several hours after General Alexander's headquarters had made public the first communique issued by the Italian underground. It said guerrilla activities in the north had forced the Germans to send six of their twenty-five divisions in Italy to that area to meet increasing underground activity.

254th Band to Play At Natchez Tonight

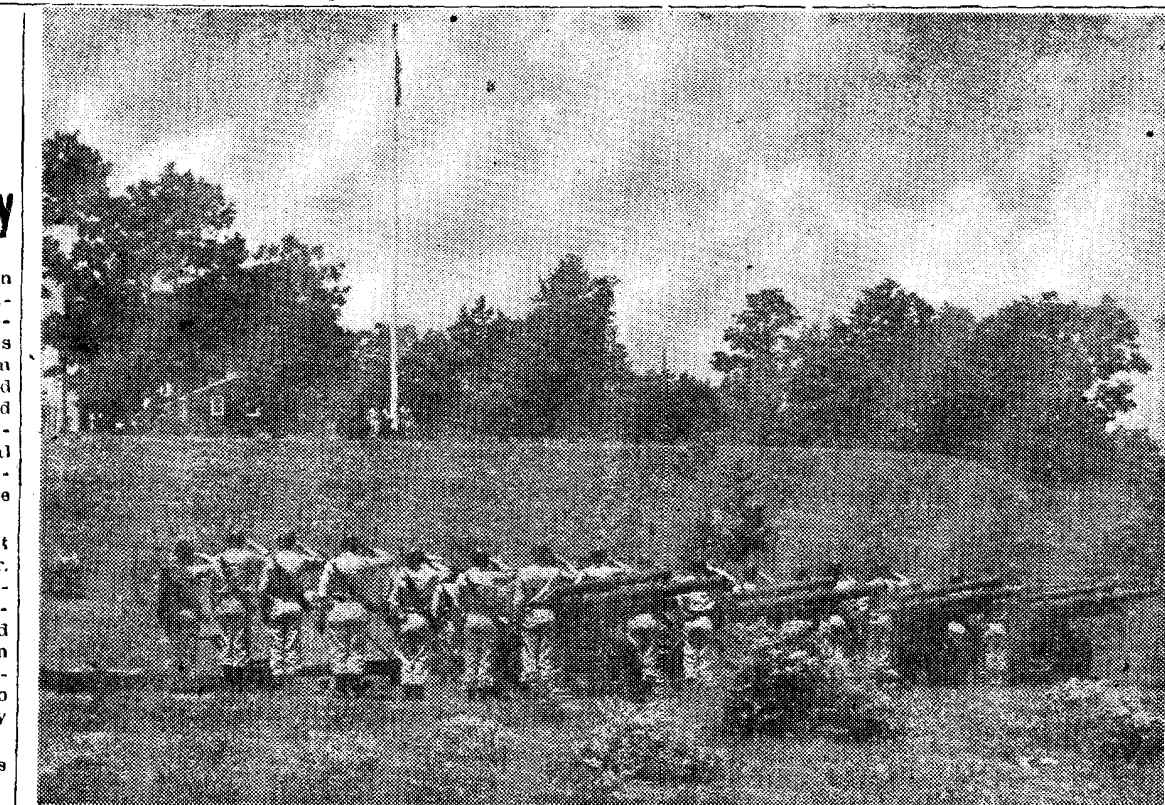
The 254th Inf. Orchestra, directed by Pvt. Gordon Bland, will play for the regular dance in the Municipal Auditorium, Natchez, Miss., tonight.

On Sunday the orchestra will provide musical background for the weekly broadcast from the Servicemen's Center.

GIs Who Blunder in 255th Must Dig Their Own Graves

GI knuckle-heads who pull boners that, in combat, would result in their becoming battle casualties, are literally digging their own graves, since the inception of a drive in the 255th Inf. to impress officers and men with the importance of learning their training lessons well.

Showmanship is the keynote in this hard-hitting campaign now being conducted by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander. Most dramatic device used to impress the value of foxholes, good camouflage and hit-the-ground tactics, is the "Dodo Cemetery," adjacent to headquarters, 1st Bn., on 17th Ave. Laid out with graves neatly spaced, the cemetery is already occupied by several "dodos"



MEMORIAL DAY was briefly but impressively observed by the 63d Div. with a ceremony at the camp flagpole at noon Tuesday. Btry. A of the 861st F. A., fired a salute of 21 guns, and the Division Band played three selections. Scene above shows the personnel of the battery at salute while the band, standing at the left of the knoll, played the National Anthem as the flag was raised from half to full staff at noon.

Division to Aid New Orleans Bond Drive; Civilians to See Infantry Day Exercises

Unit From 63d to Stage Battle Exercise on Night of June 15

A huge "Military Mardi Gras" in which units of the 63d Inf. Div. will display their training in the streets of New Orleans will highlight the Division's active participation Thursday, June 15, in a combined observance of Infantry Day and the Fifth War Loan Drive.

The New Orleans show will be the largest of three which Blood and Fire units will present. The others will take place simultaneously in Natchez and Baton Rouge. In the "Military Mardi Gras," a battalion of infantry from the 63d will stage a four-block-long battle exercise on Canal St., the famous main thoroughfare of New Orleans. (Continued on Page 3)

Three-Day Passes

Special passes will be issued Division personnel for the weekend after Organization Day, Friday, June 16, Col. Earle G. Wheeler, chief of staff announced this week.

"We will suggest to company commanders that the passes be staggered so that all men will have an opportunity to leave camp," Col. Wheeler said. The stagger system would give some men freedom from 1800 Friday to 1100 Sunday and others from 1100 Sunday to 1200 Monday.

"In all cases the passes will be issued at the company commander's discretion and it's probable that many men will be able to leave camp 1800 Friday and return at 1200 Monday," he added.

No one will be excused from regular details, guard or KP.

Citizens Invited to See Attack on a Pillbox at Camp Van Dorn

Civilians living in the vicinity Camp Van Dorn will have an opportunity to see how units of the Army actually launch an attack on an enemy pillbox by the use of flame throwers and supporting weapons Thursday afternoon, June 15.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, has extended an invitation to all civilians to be present at a battle exercise which will mark the 63d Division observance of Infantry Day.

Army transportation will be provided within the camp and specified. (Continued on Page 3)

63d Birthday Is Scheduled One Day Later

Infantry Day Observance, New War Bond Drive Causes Expansion of Program

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 Friday, June 16, one day after the Division's actual birthday, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, announced this week.

By setting back the Organization Day ceremonies originally scheduled for June 15, the 63d Div. is enabled to throw its full strength and energy behind the combined observance of Infantry Day and the Fifth War Loan Drive on the same day.

Because elements of the division will visit nearby cities over Thursday in connection with the twin observance, and will not return until Friday morning, most of the Organization Day exercises will be held in the afternoon. The Division review, however, will take place at 1030.

Dinner Invitations

Men of the 63d Div. will be hosts to the families and friends of all officers and enlisted men, who are invited by the Commanding General to enjoy both dinner and supper in mess halls throughout the division. "Open house" is also extended to press, radio and magazine correspondents.

At 1030, with all men assembled for the Division review, Gen. Hibbs and his staff will review the troops which will be led by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander. (Continued on Page 3)

Gen. Harris Lauds Orientation Show

"They Burned The Books," a revised edition of Stephen Vincent Benet's radio script of the same name, was presented jointly by CT White Special Services Office and the 254th Inf., orientation staff in CT White Rec Hall last Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, who saw the production, personally congratulated the performers.

Rewritten by Pfc. Joe Dolin, the drama depicted Hitler's terroristic burning of hundreds of literary gems condemned by the Nazis. Special lighting effects by T/5 Leslie Heath enhanced the performances of Dolin, Pvt. Al Lewis, Miss Ellie Shaw and 14-year-old Louis Pack.

Methods of Jap Soldier Told in Div. Arty. Sketch

In a startling performance, unique in the 63d Div. Arty. presented its orientation program for the month of May at Div. Arty. Rec Hall Wednesday.

The vivid story of the characteristics of the Japanese soldier, told against a backdrop of the American Soldier's basic training was written by Lt. Richard L. O'Connell, special service officer and A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard, who has just returned from Special Services School.

Scorning use of the stage, the directors effectively personalized the dramatic show with central staging, surrounding a space on the hall floor with benches, giving an arena effect.

Clever use of sound effects, a smooth narrating job by Bernhard, and the all-around sincerity of some 15 enlisted men from vari-

ous battalions placed the show in the four-star class.

A character named "GI Joe" displayed his ignorance of Jap methods, mentality and fighting ability by challenging the narrator's statements.

By contrast between Japanese training methods and our own, the peculiar qualities of the Jap soldier—his cunning; his physical endurance; his unquestioning belief in the destiny of Japan, were revealed to an enthralled audience.

Most compelling feature of the production, which employed effective use of pantomime, was a dream sequence which featured Sgt. John Larkin, Serv. Btry., 862 F. A. The scene, punctuated by the rhythmically sibilant hissing of the Jap war cry, "Banzai," depicts the dream of the soldier in which (Continued on Page 3)

KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

Investigation, Inspection Is Role Of Inspector General's Office

This is one of a series of articles dealing with the various components of the 63d Infantry Division, published so that men within the Division may know what those in other arms and branches do.

The most delicate job delegated to any section of the 63d Div. Special Staff is that function which is performed by the office of the Division Inspector General. Maj. Herbert C. Hershey, Jr., and his staff are the eyes and ears of the Commanding General, working directly under the Chief of Staff, and yet paradoxically this section of Division Headquarters has no specific day-to-day assignment.

Anything and everything affecting efficiency and economy within the Division and the well-being of its officers and men is the IG's responsibility. He inspects and investigates. Annually he conducts a general inspection, exercising care to see that no injustice is being done.

He handles problems of conduct and discipline, corrects abuses, settles grievances, interprets Army regulations and recommends corrective measures for alleviation of undesirable conditions. Work of his section must be closely coordinated with that of other sections in order that their respective inspections will tie in with each other.

The 63d Div., in the first year of its existence, has established itself as a source of well-trained and well-disciplined troops. While it is difficult to gauge the measure of credit due the IG section for this reputation, its contribution must be considerable.

Maintains Early Standards

Baron Frederick von Steuben during the Revolutionary War brought efficiency to Gen. George Washington's motley army at Valley Forge. Self control, a high sense of duty, fidelity of performance and loyalty to the inferior in rank as well as the superior were instilled into the first American Army. Today, the standards created by the Army's original IG are maintained, fostered and protected by the Division Inspector General.

It is toward those ends that the IG section makes its once-a-year general inspection of all Blood and Fire units. "Once a year" is used advisedly, for this is a time-consuming task that occupies the major portion of four or five months.

On the wall of the one-story green building behind Division Headquarters containing the office of the IG is a list of 23 items composing this inspection. Supply and punishment records must be checked. The utilization and safeguarding of company funds is given close attention.

Service records are perused for completeness of detail, for more than one unit has been detained at POE for lack of proper preparation. At ports everything is inspected (not only records) and for that reason the IG conducts his inspections as much as possible along the same lines. Check lists are frequently used and distributed to units to be certain that everyone is working in the right direction.

Classification Checked

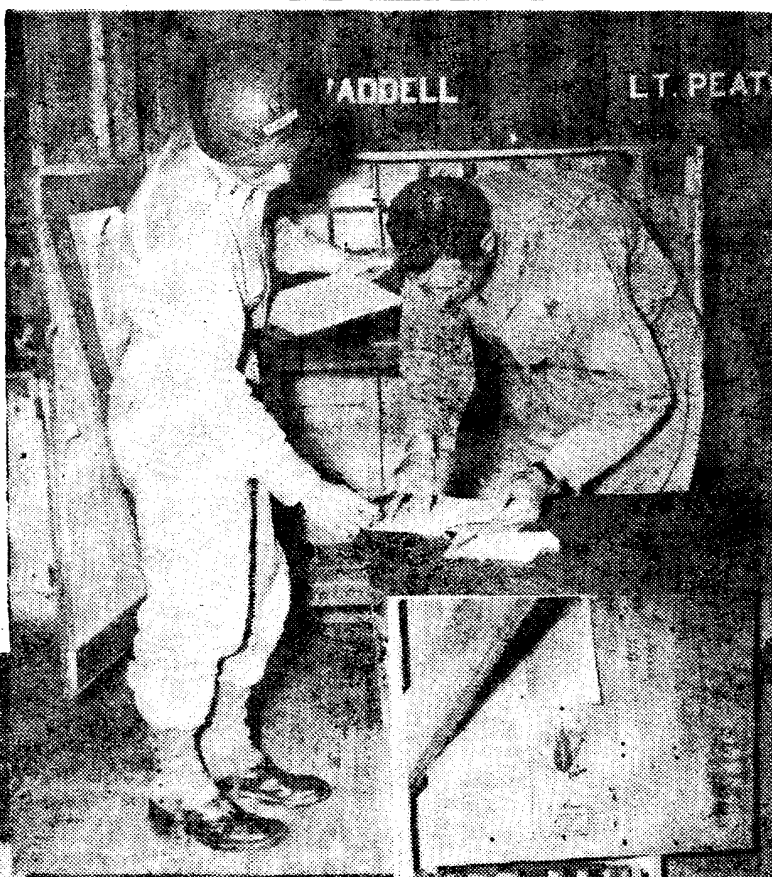
Forms 20 are read for the purpose of catching and rectifying an occasional slip in classification and other forms are studied for conformity with regulations. Barracks are checked for defects of a physical nature and the clothing,

equipment, arms and even the training of Blood and Fire elements are subjected to detailed scrutiny. Vehicle maintenance, mess and latrine facilities, duty rosters and payrolls all receive attention.

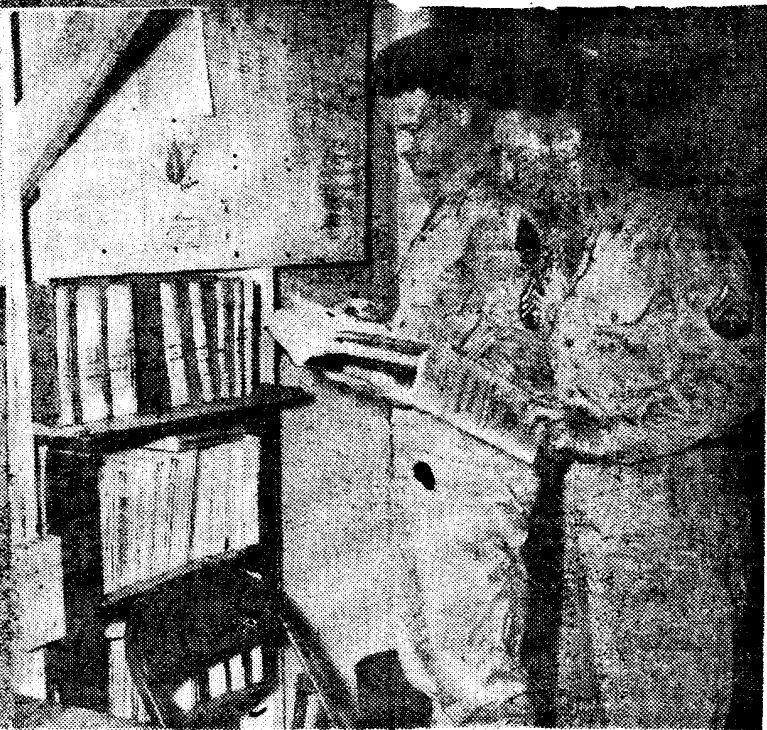
Elimination of waste now is one of the section's big problems. All of the approximately 1,000 IGs in the Army here and overseas have been instructed to strive for reduction of loss and damage to Government property.

The American soldier must be the best-equipped, the healthiest and the best trained, and in substance it is the IG's job to see that he is all these things.

Officers and enlisted men alike, with real or fancied grievances, constantly want some one to whom they can take these matters in confidence and for this purpose the IG holds a complaint period at one of the service clubs for each organization at some time



GUARDIANS of 63d Div. efficiency, economy and morale are members of the staff of the Division Inspector General, pictured above during the annual general inspection. At top, WOJG Frederick W. Mangold checks maintenance of postal records with one of the line company mail orderlies. No complaint is too small to draw the IG's attention, and when a soldier thinks his mail is late, the IG finds out whether the complaint is justified. M/Sgt. Leonard Pitterle looks over the morning report (lower left) while T/4 Henry A. Gardner and T/5 Joseph Yezulinas (at right) consult regarding application of an Army Regulation. Service records are perused for completeness of detail, for more than one unit has been detained at a POE because its men did not have proper or complete preparation for combat.



during the course of the annual inspection.

It is obvious that such detailed and specialized work must be in the hands of specialists. Thus it is that officers and enlisted men of the section virtually are hand-picked.

Officers Assigned to IG

Officers are not commissioned in the Inspector General's Department. It is not a branch of service and officers are detailed to it much as the enlisted men are placed on detached service. Maj. Hershey and his newly-assigned assistant, Capt. Thomas R. Morris, must of necessity have had experience as battery or company commanders. And their work must be of such quality as to merit the recommendation of the camp, post or organization IG who has had an opportunity to judge their qualifications for such responsible positions.

The officer complement also includes WOJG Frederick W. Mangold and the enlisted men's section is composed of M/Sgt. Leonard Pitterle, T/4 Henry Gardner and T/5 Joseph Yezulinas. The latter are primarily stenographers, but each has his portion of each inspection or investigation to lift him above the average run of office workers.

Lt. Allman Assigned As S-2 in 254th Inf.

Lt. Redmond J. Allman, graduate of the photo intelligence school at Camp Ritchie, Md., and fresh from maneuvers with the 92d Div. in Louisiana, has assumed new duties as S-2 of 3d Bn., 254th Inf.

Lt. Allman graduated from Boston University in 1940 and was commissioned in September, 1942. In addition to the job of S-1 on previous assignments, he acted as assistant G-2 during the Louisiana maneuvers.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Rejected for military service because of a stomach ailment, Ray Mueller recently said he expected to report to the training camp at Bloomington, Ind., to participate in spring conditioning for his catching chores with the Cincinnati Reds.



Q. I'm flat on my back at an East Coast hospital sweating out a CDD. When I become a civilian again I want everyone to know I've been a soldier and am not an ordinary 4F. Is it all right if I wear my North African Theater of Operations ribbon on my civilian clothes so that people will know I have served overseas?
A. You may wear ribbons only on ceremonial occasions. At other

times you may wear miniature ribbons on your lapel, next to your discharge button.

Q. My CO is a lieutenant colonel. He has a wife, two children and a dependent mother. Our outfit is overseas. How much money does he make?
A. A lieutenant colonel's base pay is \$3,500. He gets 10 per cent for overseas service and approximately \$63 a month for subsistence and \$120 a month for rental allowances. The number of his dependents makes no difference.

Q. My mother is a widow with two younger children. She has a job in a war plant. I want to know if she is entitled to an allotment from me.
A. Your mother is eligible to apply for Family Aid for herself and the minor children if she is substantially dependent on you. The Office of Dependency Benefits will determine the facts of dependency from information furnished on certificates of dependency.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
 Sunday
 Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion Services—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—1500.
 Chapel 8, Sunday, 1830.
 Hq., Det. Day Room, 363d Med., Sunday—1815.
 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, Wednesday, Friday—1700.
 Chapel 10, Tuesday, Novena benediction—1830.
 Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
- Confessions**
 Chapels 5, 7, Saturday—1830 to 2000.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
 Friday
 Hospital—1830.
 Chapel 7—2000.
 Sunday
 Chapel 9, 1100.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
 Chapel 5, Sunday—1830.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
 Chapel 6, Sunday—1900.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

Invasion Is Background For Mississippi Village

FLORA, MISS.—There's a new village being built in old Mississippi but it's like nothing ever seen in these parts.

A combination of German, Japanese and Chinese architecture is taking shape on old farm lands and will eventually be used by American soldiers training for street fighting in the sort of environment in which they will find themselves after the invasion.

"Rheerburg-plus" is the name of the "city."

HIGHLY PLEASED
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, England—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower stated that he was highly pleased by what he saw during an inspection of the British armed forces which concluded yesterday.

The Wolf by Sansone



"If you'll tell me just what you're looking for perhaps I can help!"

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

After chewing up several pencils trying to dig up something new to write about this week I finally unearthed all the old copies of Blood and Fire and re-read the dope I have put out to you folks since about this time a year ago, all in hopes of getting an idea or two for my weekly chore.

Seeing as how we've had such a turnover in personnel I was tempted to take some of the old stuff, warm it up and serve it over again. However, I finally decided not to be so damn lazy but instead to repeat a plea I made in the very first column I ever succeeded in getting past the editors back in Blanding. It was to the effect that I wanted you to help me keep my fingers on the pulse of the Division



by dropping a line to me, Sergeant Terry Fied, Care of Blood and Fire, and give me your ideas, gripes and groans.

I promised then as I do now that your secrets are safe with me and that if I do use any of them it will be in such a way that they could never be traced back to you. I never repeated that after the first issue and for a year now I have been sending these weekly tips out into the blue with nary a kick back, except once when I unintentionally stepped on the toes of another outfit here in camp and caught hell for it.

Sometimes I get real discouraged, such as one day on the bus on the way to Baton Rouge when I saw a GI reading my column. "Pretty good stuff that guy puts out," says I, hopefully. The GI replied, "That old coot is full of damn lies; no one guy could have had all the experiences he claims." But, seriously, I need your help for two reasons. First, it is getting difficult for me

Civilians to Witness Infantry Day Show

(Continued From Page 1)

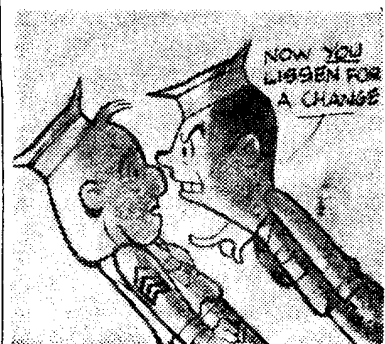
tators will be carried to the area in which the problem will be presented.

The exercise is scheduled to start at 1300 and will continue until 1700. Civilian spectators will see just how elements of an assault platoon conduct an attack designed to put an enemy pillbox out of action. The flame thrower, which has played such a vital part in operations on Jap-held Pacific islands, will be used, and light artillery, machine guns and the bazooka also will be brought into action.

The role of the infantry in the operation will be vividly depicted when members of the platoon close in to mop up the theoretical enemy.

to go on my own steam, and second, and most important, this Division is a fine outfit and I want to help it in any way I can. I can do a much better job if I know how you GIs feel about things.

So, let's switch about for a change, like the Cavalry Captain



who had been alone in his outfit for ten years decided to do when a Lieutenant finally reported for duty. "Let's see, Lieutenant," he said. "I want to be fair about this thing." "I have taken stables for the past ten years—suppose you take them for the next ten." "I have been putting out these tips to you about a year. How about you giving me a few?"

That's all this week, folks, and I will be waiting to hear from you.

63d Birthday Party Set for Day Later

(Continued From Page 1)

Following the review Brig. Gen. Edward J. McIlwain, Division Artillery Commander, will address the formation on the "Role of the Infantryman," and Gen. Hibbs will speak 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.

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

Other Attractions at 1430

All other attractions originally scheduled for the morning will begin at 1430.

On the Outdoor Theater grounds a Circus Review will be presented. Inclement weather may force the circus to be held at Theater No. 1 but the other exercises will be held "rain or shine."

The softball championship of the division will be decided when finalists from league competitions meet. A track meet scheduling 11 events will also be held at 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.

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

Dances and variety shows from 2000 until 2300 will be staged in all Rec. Halls. They are Special Troops, CT Red, CT White CT Blue and Div. Arty. Rec. Halls.

All Division Officers' Clubs will offer a buffet at 1800 and dancing from 2000 until 2400.

Division to Assist New Orleans Stage War Bond Drive

(Continued From Page 1)

Canal St. will be closed from St. Charles to Rampart St. for the exhibit. It has not been closed in this fashion since the pre-war days of the old Mardi Gras.

Dance Planned

The outdoor exercises, to be held from 2115 to 2145 on the evening of June 15, will be followed by a huge block dance.

Special stands will be erected on Canal St.—generally considered the widest street in the world—for spectators whose admission price will be a War Bond of at least \$5,000 value. Other places in the four-block area will be open to civilians who buy bonds of \$25 or larger denomination. Servicemen and women will be admitted free.

Two thousand New Orleans girls will be hostesses at the dance under the sponsorship of Mrs. Isabel Ewing, director of Civilian War Service.

After conferences this week between Capt. David H. Duffy, Division Special Service Officer, and New Orleans Mayor Robert S. Maestri and other civic officials, the 63d was chosen to represent the United States Infantry on Infantry Day. The Blood and Fire Division is the largest infantry unit near New Orleans, the South's largest city.

Troops to Bivouac

Bivouac area for the 63d troops has been made available by Maj. J. H. Karchmer, commanding officer at Camp Pontchartrain.

Besides Mayor Maestri the committee in charge of the arrangements for the exhibition includes Superintendent of Police George Reyer; Supervisor of Traffic Thomas Mathorne; Thomas Wicker, representing the Public Service Commission; Kirby Newberger, chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive, and E. Davis McCutcheon of the Merchants' Association.

Arrangements have not been completed for the activities in Baton Rouge and Natchez, but it is probable that a demonstration of infantry tactics will be given in both communities. Mayor Powers Higginbotham of Baton Rouge is declaring open house for the infantry June 15, and a dance for all servicemen will be held at the Community House.

Mayor William J. Byrne of Natchez is formulating plans for the day in his community.

254th Unit Lauded After Inspection

In a commendation endorsed by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254th Inf. commander, Maj. Herbert C. Hershey, Division Inspector general, praised officers and non-commissioned officers of Hq. Co., 254th Inf., last week.

Capt. Willie J. Frederick, company commander, and 1st Sgt. William Pugh were particularly honored in the commendation which read:

"While inspecting the 1st Bn., 254th Inf., it was noted by the undersigned that Hq. Co. had affairs so well in hand that only a few minor irregularities and deficiencies were noted.

"The present commanding officer, Capt. Willie J. Frederick, has been in the command since April 3, 1944. He states that there have been several company commanders and that it is his belief that 1st/Sgt. William Pugh is due considerable credit for the fine appearance of the organization."

Nine Qualify as Expert With Carbine in 862d

Two officers and nine enlisted men qualified as Expert and 14 others made Sharpshooter in the 862d F. A. carbine marksmanship tests last week.

Winners of Expert medals were: Lt. George A. Buck, Btry. A, 187; 1st. Handet Carter, Btry. B, 177; Sgt. Richard Hines, 175; Cpl. Joseph Yaeknich, 175, and Cpl. Anthony Perotti, 181, of Btry. A; Sgt. J. W. Bland, 177, Pvt. E. B. Walker, 181 and Pvt. William R. Knowles, 178, of Hq. Btry; Cpl. Raymond Funston, 183, Pvt. Charles Kramer, 181, and Pvt. Jeremiah Mullane, 178, of C Btry.



IN CLOVER will be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower when he receives the multi-leaved clovers sent to him by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer, 255th Inf., lower right. M/Sgt. Travis B. Harrington, left, regimental sergeant-major, picked the luck tokens in the backyard of his home in Elizabeth, La.

Good Luck Clover Talisman Is Sent to Gen. Eisenhower

When Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower gives the signal to Allied "Liberation" armies, it's possible a good-luck talisman formerly owned by CT Blue NCO Club will invoke its mystic powers to help crush the Nazi hordes.

Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, com-

manding officer of the 255th Inf., acting on behalf of the club, mailed the framed, horseshoe shaped token, made up of four, five and six-leaved clovers, to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters this week. After learning that Gen. Eisenhower keeps a single four-leaf clover in a frame on his desk the club members decided that the Allied Supreme Commander should have the talisman.

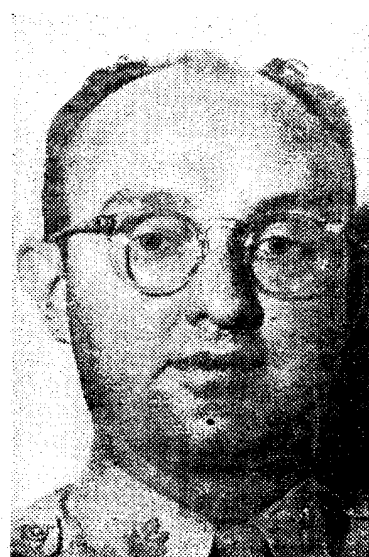
The clovers were picked by M/Sgt. Travis B. Harrington, regimental sergeant-major, in the backyard of his home in Elizabeth, La.

Art work on the omen was the work of T/5 Waldo Schumaker, Cannon Co. and the frame was designed by Pvt. Desire Posters.

In a letter accompanying the clover horseshoe, Col. Tombaugh wrote:

"The talisman goes to you with the hopes of the men in the 255th for success in the great undertaking ahead. It is hoped that its traditional powers will enhance the good fortune that already attends your leadership.

"The club asked me to forward this in the name of the entire 255th Inf. regiment."



MAJ. HERBERT C. HERSHEY, JR.

Inspector General Promoted to Major

Recent promotions among members of the 63d Div. Special Staff raised Herbert C. Hershey, Jr., Division Inspector General, from captain to the rank of major.

Maj. Hershey came to the Blood and Fire organization in January, being assigned here from Ft. Jay, N. Y. Previously, he had spent several years in the field artillery, into which branch of service he had been commissioned as a second lieutenant upon his graduation from Ohio State University with a degree in business administration. Maj. Hershey did not immediately enter into military service but spent several years with Dun and Bradstreet in Columbus, O. When war became imminent, he was assigned to the 79th F. A., a 240mm howitzer regiment at Ft. Bragg, N. C., becoming Regimental Hq. Btry. commander.

Prior to his transfer to the IG section in August, 1943, Maj. Hershey served as commander of a 105mm. howitzer battery with the 84th Inf. Div. and later went to 3d Army Maneuver Hq. as headquarters commandant. He attended the IG school at Washington later, and was stationed at Ft. Jay until his assignment with the 63d.

Mississippi Soldier Gets DSC for Feat

A recount of the achievements of Cpl. James D. Slaton, Gulfport, Miss., who had previously been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for killing six enemy soldiers and knocking out three machine guns in fighting near Oliveto, Italy, gave him an even higher award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the War Department announced this week.

The citation gives the details of Slaton's heroism.

Leading an infantry squad, Slaton crept upon an enemy machine gun nest and killed the gunner with his bayonet. When the bayonet stuck in the soldier's body, Slaton detached it from the gun, then shot another gunner, meanwhile being fired upon by still another machine gun.

Slaton then moved over open ground, under constant fire, to the second machine gun position and killed two gunners there.

A third machine gun opened up on him and Slaton killed both of its gunners.

LT. GINTER PROMOTED

Promotion of 1st Lt. Orville P. Ginter, assistant regimental dental surgeon, to the rank of captain was announced today by Capt. Walter M. Lee, adjutant, 253d Inf. Capt. Ginter joined the 253d Dec. 5, 1943. He is 26 years old.



STRICTLY GI was the birthday cake received by 1st Sgt. James C. Harvey, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf., on his 23d birthday. T/4 Manuel Lopes (right) whipped up the cake, using ingredients from C rations alone. A GI candle took the place of the customary ornaments.

Blood and Fire

Official Newspaper of the
BLOOD AND FIRE (63D)
INFANTRY DIVISION
Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

BLOOD AND FIRE is published weekly by and for men of the 63d Infantry Division with editorial offices at Public Relations Office, 63d Division Artillery Recreation Hall, Telephone 744.

BLOOD AND FIRE receives Camp Newspaper Service material. Republication of credited matter prohibited without permission of CNS, War Department, 205 East Forty-second street, N. Y. C. 17.

T/4 Thomas A. Hootor Editor
T/5 Stoddard White Staff Writer
Cpl. Paul Parris Staff Writer
Pvt. John St. G. Joyce Staff Writer
Cpl. Gill Fox Staff Cartoonist
T/5 William Schiff Staff Photographer
T/Sgt. Harding S. Ericson Distribution Mgr.

EDITORIAL

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Hot weather is coming. If you think it's here, you're wrong. It will be a lot hotter before it is cooler here in Mississippi. But it will not be unbearable. Hundreds of thousands of other GIs are standing much higher temperatures and greater humidity in parts of the world which are not much more comfortable than Hell. They stand the heat and get their work and fighting done because they acclimatize themselves properly and because they take the proper precautions against heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps.

A Medical Department circular warns against unnecessary exposure to midday high temperatures and points out that liberal consumption of water is necessary to comfort and physical safety.

Here are some suggestions for keeping comfortable and keeping well despite strenuous or prolonged physical exertion in high temperatures:

1. Drink when thirsty, and drink at least enough water to satisfy your thirst.
2. Salt food freely.
3. If you have the symptoms of heat exhaustion (fatigue, headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting or abdominal cramps), stop work and lie down in the shade.
4. Salt your drinking water, or take salt tablets with plenty of water. Salted water may not be palatable at first, but a taste for it is quickly acquired. You will get it in several ways—it will be added to the water you drink in the field (three-tenths of a pound to a Lyster bag) or you can put one-quarter teaspoon of ordinary table salt or two salt tablets in your canteen. In camp one salt tablet should be taken with every two glasses of water. (Plenty of water is necessary; some persons are nauseated by salt tablets if they take them whole without adequate moisture. Some find it helps to dissolve the tablet in the water before drinking it.)

GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK

Soldier, give yourself a break! It's tough to do what the head says is wise when the heart dictates otherwise, but a three or four hour wait in the phone exchange these warm evenings is not the most pleasant way to spend your free time. And those poor, harassed operators! Of course, an emergency call is another matter, but try to make ordinary calls early in the morning or some time before 6 p. m. Approximately one-third of the long distance calls placed by servicemen throughout the country on an average 24-hour day are placed during the four hours from 6 to 10 p. m. Naturally, many cannot get to a phone before 6 p. m. but those who can, and do, will be giving a break to the other soldiers needing the lines between 6 and 10 p. m.—and probably getting the same break themselves some day.

The best sock to put your money into is the one being handed our enemies. Buy more War Bonds!



News from Here and There

GI Burbank Raises Garden on Pacific Isle

MARSHALL ISLANDS (CNS)—Cpl. Cyril Treichler, of Grand Junction, Calif., is the father of the first Victory Garden in the Marshall Islands. He raises corn, peas, beans, radishes and onions in soil previously believed suitable only for palm trees and bugs.

"I figured both the seeds and I were American," he explained. "And if I could take it, so could they."

Jap Manpower Barren, Noble Scion Drafted

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Japs have begun drafting barons, according to a Tokyo radio broadcast picked up here. The broadcast said that Baron Jujun Furukawa, a Harvard graduate and member of one of Japan's oldest families, had been inducted into the Nipponese army.

Navy's Fighting Fleet Grows to 1,200 Ships

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Four years ago the U. S. Navy's fighting strength consisted of 380 ships, according to statistics revealed recently by Rear Adm. Cochrane, chief of the Navy's bureau of ships. Today fighting ships of the Navy total 1,200.

Shore Patrol Best Man As AWOL Sailor Marries

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—Richard Envey, 21, of Minneapolis, pharmacist's mate and veteran of two years service in the Pacific, went AWOL from his Navy base at San Diego to marry his fiancée, Mary Niemi, here.

On his way to church he was picked up by the shore patrol. He talked one of the SPs into accompanying him to church as his best man. The ceremony was performed and Envey was shipped back to San Diego, where he will face trial on the AWOL charge. He hasn't seen his wife since the wedding.

Mencken Likes Soldiers, Would Spring for Beer

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Soldiers who like H. L. Mencken's books can get a free beer from the author anytime they happen to be in Baltimore.

"I write to every soldier who writes to me," the famed Baltimore sage said. "I offer to buy him a beer when he gets home.

I'd like to buy him ten beers; in fact, I'd like to go broke buying beers."

Breakfast in Bed for Men Wounded in Italy

ITALY (CNS)—Sgt. Saul Jaffe, of New York, has one of the strangest jobs in the Army. He serves breakfast in bed to unbelieving GIs recuperating at a villa that has been set aside for Army rehabilitation work here.

Sgt. Jaffe makes his rounds at 10 a. m. every day in the company of a white-coated Italian waiter, who is laden with trays of fruit juice, coffee, bacon and eggs. Soldiers who don't feel like eating in the dining room are served in bed.

Civilians to Experience Life in Training Camp

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Several hundred Mississippians have been invited to Camp Shelby by Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command Headquarters, Atlanta, for a two-day period of regulation camp life and real training in infantry maneuvers, artillery firing and other forms of combat.

Busy industrialists, many actively engaged in war activities, will be "in service" for two days and two nights and actually use the equipment which some of them have been making. They will join regular training squads and fire weapons they have been making, in simulated warfare, including the infiltration course.

Tours and demonstrations are planned for those who do not wish to take part in the actual maneuvers.

Hero of Sicily Battle Gave Life for Platoon

SICILY (CNS)—Lt. Robert Craig, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, who sacrificed his own life so that his platoon could gain a vital enemy strongpoint, has been awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery—posthumously.

Lt. Craig and his platoon were attacking an enemy position at Favoratta, Sicily, July 11, 1943, when they encountered the fire of 100 German soldiers. Craig ordered his men to withdraw and charged the enemy himself, killing five and wounding three before he was killed.

"His intrepid action so inspired his men that they drove the enemy from the area, inflicting heavy losses on the hostile forces," the congressional citation states.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Wilbur C. Hall
(255th Inf.)

DAY BY DAY I WILL TRY:

1. To live from the inside out, rather from the outside in—as a rose produces its bloom, not as a man makes a box.
2. To be led of God, rather than to try to lead God.—as a moon leads the tides, not as a man drives a horse.
3. To give all I can rather than to try to get all I can.—only by really giving yourself can you truly find yourself.
4. To become transmissive of God's love rather than receive it for my own comfort.—like the Panama Canal—not like a sponge.
5. To see God through my problems, rather than just to ask God to solve my problems and overcome my sorrows.—Progress is born of seeming defeat, disappointments may be seen as opportunities.
6. To see all things good, beautiful and true, not as ends in themselves—but as open windows through which we may know and see God.—life is bare for many because they have eyes but have never really seen.
7. To keep my faith untarnished no matter what happens.—it does not make so much difference what happens to us as it does how we take it. Life can't topple in for the man who has kept God in the picture. One man and God are a majority anywhere. Christianity is not a way of escape from trouble—it is not a way of dodging danger and suffering—it is a way of accepting them and going through them to victory. The Apostle Paul says, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." That is the spirit we need today.

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Hq. Btry., 862d F. A.)

The Viennese are having trouble with postage stamps bearing pictures of Der Fuehrer and ex-Il Duce . . . it seems the stamps don't stick well . . . people spit on the wrong side . . . GIs in the Pacific theaters don't have to be told about Lend-Lease . . . they know Lend-Lease has been working in reverse, too, for 90 per cent of GI food there is supplied free by Australia and New Zealand.

We sort of like that sentence of Somerset Maugham's that goes: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too." . . . When you blow off about being in uniform, think about wearing chains.

Europe is getting ready for Hitler's funeral . . . the new joke goes like this: "The Fuehrer died, and as his coffin was being lowered into the grave it had to be raised 20 times, there was so much applause." . . . Note for artillerymen: did you see that piece in the paper about heavy new Government expenditures for 155-mm. howitzers? . . . seems likely enough when you know that 88 per cent of enemy casualties have been caused by the United States field artillery.

Catch that prize-winning letter from a Brooklyn GI in Time, May 22; it may give you some good ideas for that prize contest on "Why I Fight?" . . . When next you think about isolation and stuff look at a map . . . not one of those old out-of-perspective flat jobs, but a global projection . . . the oceans don't look so big and protective, particularly when you notice that the Arctic Ocean is the short cut to Asia, Japan, India, by 4,000 miles . . . looks like the world is getting a lot smaller.

Hope you caught "The Hitler Gang" . . . It's amazing, and, what's more, it's all true (check back with Gunther's "Inside Europe") . . . If anybody starts telling you this is a short easy war, just look at the end-pages of a great book, "Tarawa" . . . 10½ pages of close print listing the names of dead or missing Marines . . . to take a pinpoint on the map.

When you get to wondering about the success of the invasion take this Life story of Gen. Montgomery, commanding British invasion forces, once over lightly . . . "Physical fitness is a passion with Gen. Montgomery. When he thinks his officers are getting soft, he may order them out for a five-mile run before breakfast. He despises fat men. His tour of divisional headquarters in the British Isles was the occasion for a great deal of dieting, exercising and sucking in of stomachs on the part of over-plump officers. He caught sight of a fat colonel, tapped him on the stomach and inquired, 'Like your food, don't you?' 'Yes, sir,' said the colonel. 'Have a good lunch?' 'Yes, sir.' 'That's good, because it will be your last in this mess!'" . . .

AROUND AMERICA

SEATTLE (CNS)—"Please step to the back of the bus, folks," the bus driver pleaded, "it's going the same place as the front." Everyone smiled at this remark. No-body moved.

TOLEDO, O. (CNS)—Arthur Fleisher put over a canny deal the other day. He swapped his 1941 Ford station wagon even up for a 1924 Model T touring car. Reason for the trade: The Model T has four good tires. The station wagon has none.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—"General" Jacob S. Coxey is on the march again. This time, the 90-year-old "general" who led a jobless march on Washington 50 years ago, has come to Washington with the war cry: "Non-interest paying bonds for veterans."

EDGEWOOD, Ia. (CNS)—Don Arnold saw a stranger leading his stolen dog along the street. He accosted the fellow and demanded the dog's return. "Prove it's your dog," the stranger challenged. Arnold struck a match, held the flame in front of the dog's mouth and said, "Blow it out." The dog blew it out. "Your dog," said the stranger, walking away.

ELMHURST, Ill. (CNS)—Policeman Bill Baumann spotted four youths carrying a bathtub along a darkened street. He stopped them. "Ha ha, officer," they said. "We're just carrying this home for a friend." Their story—like the tub—didn't hold water, so Baumann pinched them on charges of breaking and entering.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (CNS)—Hughbert Williamson, who in 1942 was fined \$8.75 for calling Adolf Hitler "a nasty name," has asked Judge Edward E. Bursleson for a rebate. "You should realize by now," he said, "that I was right about the guy."

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Errol Flynn was minding his own business in a Hollywood night spot when Toby Tuttle, an entertainer, hit him on the head with a soft-boiled egg. She did it, she explained, because Flynn "just sat there" while another woman insulted her.

KANKAKEE, Ill. (CNS)—Police Sgt. Bert Luckey was lindy-hopping around the floor at the annual policeman's dance when suddenly his wooden leg, which is equipped with ball bearings at the joints, fell off and rolled across the ballroom. Four women fainted.

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)—Bill Spaeth was arrested on charges of wearing an AAF officer's uniform with six campaign ribbons, the DSC, the Purple Heart and the China medal. "Don't mind me," he told the FBI. "I've been telling lies all my life."

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS)—Tom O'Toole, who had been sipping potheen all night long, didn't like the murderous look on the character who was staring at him through the window of Mulligan's Grill. O'Toole squared off and bellowed a challenge. The other fellow squared off, too, and said nothing. O'Toole let fly a left hook, broke Mulligan's window, cut his hand, vanquished his own reflection. The one-round bout with himself cost O'Toole \$10 for the window and 15 days in the pokie.



SKILLED in first aid is Pvt. Mohammad Ayish of the Medical Detachment of the 254th Inf. He is shown demonstrating his ability on T/5 Nathan Guttman. Mohammad was born and raised in Jerusalem. Guttman recalls his 1938 visit to the Holy Land when in the midst of terrorist riots inspired by the Axis, he was vaccinated by an Arab doctor in Tiberias.

Army Brings Arab and Jew Into Fight for Democracy

Arab-Jewish strife in distant Palestine was brought sharply into focus and projected into the 63d Div. last week when Pvt. Mohammad Ayish, Med. Det., 254th Inf., an Arab, born and reared in the ancient city of Jerusalem, and T/5 Nathan Guttman, Serv. Co., 254th Inf., met and discussed internecine turmoil in the Holy Land. Guttman visited Palestine in 1938 to study colonization of Palestine for the Hechelutz (pioneer) Organization, a Jewish society devoted to the training of young Jewish men for settlement in Palestine. These soldier representatives of the two conflicting races are now united in a common cause, "Democracy," and they both agree that troubles in Palestine are more political than racial or religious.

Agitation Political
Pvt. Ayish believes that "most Jews and Arabs get along well together, especially in the rural districts. While some Arabs think that too many Jews are entering the country, many think that Palestine has enjoyed prosperity and good health because of the modernizing influence of the Jewish people. Politicians have stirred up most of the trouble."
Guttman pointed out that Arab politics are controlled by a few wealthy families who are still living in "primitive feudal system," and, unable to acclimate themselves to the modernization brought by the Jews, have fallen easy prey to Axis propagandists who aided and fomented the more recent uprisings. "In Palestine the Arabs have benefited greatly by the presence of Jews who have drained malaria-breeding swamps; constructed drainage systems and raised general health standards. Wages in Palestine are much greater than in Egypt where Arabians are not

much more than slaves, laboring for a pittance," Guttman revealed. A British appointed Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Hussein, ruler of Palestine, was one of the first Quislings arrested by the British Government. He escaped from confinement to lead a revolt in Iraq and later fled to Rome, where he broadcast Axis propaganda. Guttman said, "That he is now in Berlin should be conclusive evidence that the Axis had a few fingers in the political pie," he added.

Studied Reclamation
Guttman, who received a B. S. in dairy husbandry at the University of Minnesota, became interested in the Zionist movement (nationalization of Palestine as the only Jewish territory in the world) while at the university. It was in conjunction with his work for the Hechelutz organization that he went to Palestine to make a study of reclamation in the Holy Land, in 1938.

He arrived there during the height of the uprisings of 1938-39 during which, he says, more Arabs than Jews were killed. Although the Arabs were the aggressors in every case, they killed any of their own race who refused to join them, he explained.

Journeying by every conveyance from truck to armored car, Guttman toured the country for two months, during which time he was vaccinated at Tiberias by an Arab doctor, assisted by a Jewish nurse.

At Haifa he met Maj. Gen. Orde Charles Wingate, British Army, who at that time was a Captain leading British troops against Arab terrorists. Gen. Wingate was killed in a plane crash later.

Guttman spent a month in Europe and was in London when Neville Chamberlain tilted against

(Continued on Page 8)

Japs Sacked Birthplace Of 253d Medical Officer

When the treacherous Japanese sacked the city of Cebu, in the Philippines, they incurred the personal enmity of Lt. Charles E. Rath, 3d Bn. surgeon, 253d Inf., whose home was burned along with the homes of 75,000 persons who lived in the island city.

Son of one of the earliest American missionaries in the Philippines, Lt. Rath was born in Cebu, where he lived for 11 years.

Houses on Stilts
"Houses in Cebu were built on stilts, with thatched roofs," the 24-year-old doctor recalled this week. "Our own house had a corrugated iron roof, because when the rainy season sets in we'd have

a bigger downpour than we've been getting here at Camp Van Dorn—and lasting three weeks without stopping."

Lt. Rath's father, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, went to the Philippines in 1903 and 10 years later married a fellow missionary—one of the first woman missionaries in the islands. They were the only Americans, Lt. Rath recalled, and had the only light plant and water works in the Philippine city, second largest in the Islands.

Having made three trips across the Pacific Ocean, the first on a visit to America at the age of two, Lt. Rath qualifies for the title of

255th's Swing Band Set for Engagements

That gentlemen of the 253d Inf. definitely prefer blondes was proved by their selection of a fair-haired May Queen at "Combat Shuffle" held in CT Red Rec Hall last Sunday.

The "five pin-up girl" of the 253d is 19-year-old Catherine Ashford of Natchez, Miss., who was the only blonde in the beauty parade which highlighted the dance.

Pretty, blue-eyed Miss Ashford is the niece of a former Flying Tiger, Col. Casey Vincent, now in China flying with Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th Air Force. Five feet six inches, weighs 122 pounds, has a 34 inch bust and 24 inch waist, she was selected from a bevy of six beauties chosen by four artists and former illustrators: S/Sgt. Ray Neri, Co. 1, Cpl. Howard Connolly, Pvt. Phil Gurka and Pvt. Russel Stetter, all of Serv. Co. The five brunettes who were selected as "ladies in waiting" were Dotty Kincade, Polly Boilan, Peggy Boyd and Culotta Parsons, all of McComb, Miss.

Miss Ashford enlivened the crowning ceremonies by kissing Sgt. Neri long and lingeringly as the crowd shouted approval.

The 16-piece 253d Inf. Orchestra provided music for the dance.

Winners of a jitterbug contest were Cpl. Della Squires, WAC Detachment, and her partner, Pvt. Amedeo Petrongolo, Co. G.

Refreshments included a buffet supper and cold drinks were offered and mess sergeants of the regiment provided pastries, cookies and doughnuts.

Henry Ford Offers Camp Legion to Vets

DEARBORN, Mich.—Camp Legion, a 300-acre farm project established by Henry Ford in 1938 for sons of veterans of World War I who engaged in agricultural pursuits during the growing season, has now been converted into a rehabilitation center for disabled veterans of World War II.

Training in both shop and agricultural skills will be under the direction of the Ford Trade School and will include board, room and medical care; plus a \$3 a day wage while training.

Camp Legion is complete with barracks, dining hall library and non-sectarian chapel. Application may be made by any disabled war veteran in person, or by mail to Camp Legion, Dearborn, Mich.



LT. CHARLES E. RATH

"globe-trotter." One of his trips was on the President Hoover which later crashed into an uncharted island and was destroyed. He has also been to Tokyo, where he saw the emperor's palace.

From personal experience in the steaming heat of the islands, Lt. Rath had these suggestions for 63d Div. men who would combat the heat during the coming summer:

Drink Water

"Drink lots of water and take a salt tablet at each meal. You can lose a quart of water by perspiring, in an hour. There's no substitute for water. A soldier can't get along without it—except that milk and the water in vegetables or other liquids do the same for your system in hot weather."

Lt. Rath came to the 63d Div. after six weeks training at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., field service school and six weeks at Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., where he treated soldiers wounded in the African campaign.

He attended Silberman University, Oriental Negroes, Philippine Islands; Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, and was graduated from medical school at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in 1943. Lt. Rath interned for nine months at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.

GI Call of the Wild Greets 800 Teachers

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—The peculiar wolf-like howling which emanated from Camp Pickett recently was explained by the presence of 800 girl students of Farmville State Teachers' College who were guests of the WAC and the Medical Detachment units.

Male Call



Briefs For Mission



ALL SOLDIER SHOW
"GUARDHOUSE GAYETIES"
OR "LIFE IN A DIS-ORDERLY ROOM"
Featuring a Chorus of BUCK SERGEANTS
Singing "ROCKER-BYED-ME-BABY". Plus POST THEATER
Pic J. SNAFROID MCGOOLTY, female impersonator

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Cpl Paul Parris, of the PRO, and Mrs. Parris, staying at the Eola in Natchez last week-end, received several phone calls from persons asking for "Marjorie." "There's no Marjorie here," answered Mrs. Parris, whose name is Lillian. The callers persisted: "Isn't this Cpl. Parris's room?" "Yes," Mrs. Parris answered, "this is his room. 'HIS room!' the callers invariably cried, and hung up instantly. It developed that another guest in the hotel was Pvt. Marjorie Parris, of the WAC Det. Apparently the telephone operators were telling the callers "We have a CORPORAL, Parris," and they evidently assumed Marjorie had been promoted. . . . Three T/5s in Division Headquarters made T/4 during the week. They were James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec., and Harry Goodman and Paul C. Smith, both of the G-3 Sec. . . . Good Conduct ribbons have been awarded to the following: Sgt. Frederick A. Lillenkamp, Sgt. Robert J. Bartholomew, Cpl. Joseph Bulcavage, T/5 James McCabe, T/5 Joseph Yezulinas, T/5 Conrad Eurich, Pvt. Edwin H. Brown, and Pvt. John St. George Jeyce.

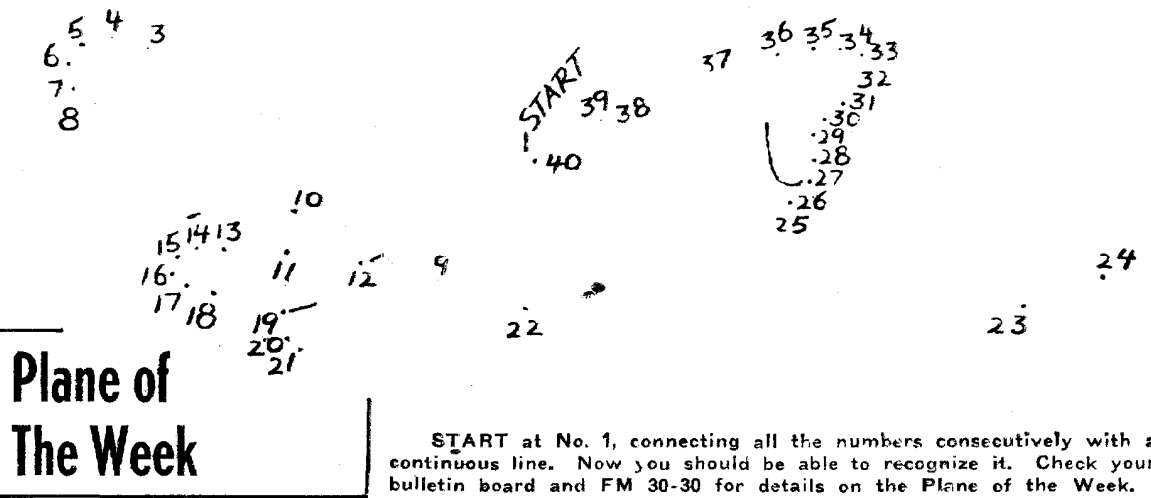
63d QM Co.—The Quartermaster Co. orientation display, created by Lt. Sidney M. Cooley and Pfc. Ray Amejide, won the Special Troops Orientation Award for the third time last week. Lt. Cooley, incidentally, has traded in his gold bars for silver. . . . Recent promotions include: Pvts. Tom Hamilton, Ralph Colletta, Ross Granatta, Larry Wondrack, Jack Miram, Ray Borchert, Dominick Bove, Joe Pandolfo, Steve Firtek and Bud Wilhelm, to T/5. . . . The company collaborated with the Ordnance Co., 863d F. A. in a party Wednesday night.

253d Inf.—Pvt. Victor Mikus, Co. K, is a skilled cartoonist whose drawings have appeared in the New York Daily Mirror and in the current issue of "Gag," now on sale at Pxs. . . . Capt. Philip O'Hearn, Co. M, is home on leave to see for the first time his baby daughter. . . . Cpl. Charles Hanson, Co. M, was a professional roller-skater in civilian life. . . . Cupid is shooting "Expert" in Co. M, where T/Sgt. Robert L. Arnett, shortstop for the Redcoats, will marry a Vicksburg girl in June while S/Sgt. James Gilmore, mess sergeant, will soon wed a Port Allen, La., girl. . . . In civilian life Cpl. James Harvie, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., was a radiographer, operating a machine which utilizes X-ray and radium to see through steel, checking it for flaws.

254th Inf.—1st. Sgt. Carl R. Smith, Co. B, has returned to duty after a siege of malaria in Station Hospital. . . . S/Sgt. Sabino Speranza, Co. E, was married to Miss Edith Mamola at Chapel No. 9 on May 20. The couple honeymooned in Baton Rouge. . . . Last Friday each man in Co. E received a pack of cigarettes with his supper, a gift of the company fund. . . . High above the heads of passersby on 13th Ave. a large headline is posted daily by the orientation staff of the 254th Inf. to keep soldiers informed of current news highlights. The headline is hoisted on a pulley to the top of a large canvas map of the world. United Nations' flags surround the base of the map. . . . S/Sgt. John Kule and T/3 Richard Canut, Med. Det., both speak fluent Spanish. . . . Lana Turner and Farris Day have sent autographed pictures to men of AT Co. . . . Monday's KP list featured Pvt. Monroe Shortt and Pvt. Larry Small. . . . Pvt. Harris Peel, Co. B, has already had one story published in the Saturday Evening Post and is working on another. . . . Word has been received by V-mail that four officers, formerly attached to the 63d Div., are now stationed in India. They are: Col. Stanley R. Putnam, former commander of the 254th Inf., Col. Paul Mapes, former commander of the 253d Inf., Lt. Col. E. T. Eckfeldt, former executive officer, 255th Inf. and Lt. Col. Roubilliard, 862d F. A. . . . In a one-man project, T/4 Edward Pinczkowski, Cannon Co., redecorated the entire day room in one night. . . . Blood donors in Co. H, recently were: Capt. Frank L. Piontek, Co. T/Sgt. James S. Settiner and Sgt. Thomas Coughlin. . . . promoted to T/Sgt. recently was Stanley A. Bush, who helped train men of the RTG. . . . The following promotions became effective this week: T/Sgts. Stanley D. Bush, Co. H and Dewey Goins, AT Co.; S/Sgts. Dillard L. Love, Co. A, Harold Mauser, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Thomas J. Casey, Co. G, Nick Vukmanovich, Co. I, Vincent McFarland, Co. J, Gerald F. Franklin, Co. I, Nicholas J. Nemeth, Co. M, Walter Steube, Co. B, John J. Zaro, Co. M, and Henry A. White, AT Co.; Sgts. William Gtman, Michael G. Raspa, John A. Fischer, Arthur Lee Davidson, John N. Derrick and James M. Eyre, all of Co. K, and Earl M. Peterson and Francis E. Robers, both of Co. M; T/4s Nathaniel Schwartz, Hq. Co., Alfred F. Sellinger, and Rollin A. Perkins, Serv. Co., Earl H. J. Sleigh, Cannon Co., Warren W. Orlick, Donald C. Farnsworth, John F. McClellan, Charles W. Davidson, Stanley S. Driedric, Richard B. Dort and Gerald S. Campo, all of Med. Det.; Cpl. Anthony J. Ficca; T/5s Leonard C. George, Co. B and Nicholas M. Malashchuk, Co. K.

255th Inf.—Hq. Co., 3d Bn. boasts an energetic GI in Pfc. James Brooks who recently painted his jeep with a shaving brush. . . . Sgt. Jerry Shore, Co. E, is proud of his orientation display but fellow soldiers are curious as to where he got the light bulbs for the indirect lighting. . . . T/Sgt. Allen M. Brenner, S/Sgt. Alley A. Gallasso and S/Sgt. Albert J. Weidman, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., too broke to go "wolfing" last weekend, spent their time by the latrine—planting a victory garden. . . . Lt. Anton Vaitonis was mighty proud of his table model radio until mice shredded the interior of the set. . . . Lt. Allen Burdette, Co. G commander, Lt. Norman L. Mellenbuck, orientation officer and his assistant, Pvt. Walter Zaleski, claim to have originated the practice of covering dayroom walls with beaverboards. . . . Cpl. Mario J. Capuano, Co. F, went to the dental clinic for a casual check-up but returned minus two teeth. . . . The 2d Bn. now gives individual tutoring according to Cpl. Alfred Tutela, Co. F, who says that after he and two assistants worked four hours assembling data for a battalion lecture, a last minute change in schedule produced an audience of only three privates. "But we lectured hell out of them anyway," Tutela said. . . . Pfc. John Chameli, drummer in the regimental band, returned from furlough betrothed to Miss Frances Losi, of Buffalo, N. Y., a recent beauty contest winner. . . . Capt. Robert C. Stuart, commanding officer of AT Co., was married at Ft. Benning, Ga., to Miss Jean Austin of Evansville, Ind., last week. Capt. Stuart is a former star athlete at Harvard.

718th F. A.—The furlough of Cpl. John C. Eggert coincided with the birth of his brand new daughter two weeks ago. . . . Lts. Michael J. McKillop has been appointed Bn. fire marshal and Lt. Louis W. Smith was given the same title in Btry. B. . . .



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.



CAPT. DAVID H. DUFFY
 ★ ★ ★
**Duffy Is Captain,
 Named 63d SSO**

Promotion of Lt. David H. Duffy to captain and his appointment as Division Special Services Officer were announced during the week. Capt. Duffy has been acting SSO for several months. He also is Division Public Relations Officer. Capt. Duffy, a former newspaperman in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., entered the Army as an enlisted man in January, 1941. As a sergeant, he handled public relations and edited the regimental newspaper for the 35th Inf. Regt. of the 9th Div. at Ft. Bragg, N. C. When the war broke out, he went to OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May, 1942. He was promoted to first lieutenant Nov. 7, 1942, at Camp Croft, S. C., where he served a year as an officer with the IRTC. When the Blood and Fire Division was activated he was assigned to it at Camp Blanding, Fla., as Acting Asst. A. C. of S., G-2, and Public Relations Officer. When detailed as SSO this week, Capt. Duffy was relieved of his duties as aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. Lt. Benjamin B. Safar, former aide to Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, was detailed as aide to Gen. Hibbs.

WASHINGTON—The OPA has given victory gardeners a pat on the back, saying they did a "magnificent job" last year and deserve "full credit" for lower ration point values which are now in effect for several important canned vegetables. However, canned fruits have taken an upswing in ration values.

Trip Flares Used In 253d Problem

Three 12-man patrols of the 2d Bn., 253d Inf., participated in a night infiltration problem Wednesday night which included the use of trip flares, a mine field and blank machine gun fire. Lt. James Elliott, commanding Co. G, was in charge of the problem, assisted by noncommissioned officers of the battalion. Lt. Elliott said this was the first use of trip flares here. Instead of having "enemy" soldiers set off flares as troops infiltrated through enemy terrain, the flares were set off by the invading troops themselves. Every man of three patrols skillfully avoided the mine field, and a critique planned after the problem failed to materialize because neither Lt. Elliott nor his noncom assistants had any criticism to offer.

Co. F, 254th Prepares Display in Dayroom

Complete with indirect lighting and murals in addition to the elaborate orientation display, the dayroom in Co. F, 254th Inf., takes its place with the best in the Division. Under the supervision of Lt. Charles J. Bender, executive and orientation officer, the work was done by Sgt. Simon Helman, assisted by Cpls. Richard Smith and Robert Gibson. S/Sgt. Donald L. Miller did the electrical work, assisted by Sgt. Edward J. Miller. Pvt. Waldemar Romeling, former commercial artist, painted the world maps and charcoal murals, while Cpl. William B. Smith planned the editorial make up of the orientation set-up.

Cannon Co. Tops 253d Following Inspection

Cannon Co., 253d Inf., commanded by Lt. Seth Peatross, III, won top honors in regimental inspections, Lt. Col. Walter J. Burk, commanding officer, 2d Bn., announced this week. Maj. Thad E. Hummel, acting regimental executive officer, inspected 19 companies. Cannon Co. had the highest number of "excellent" ratings on a check-list of items ranging from orderly room to latrine and including mess hall, barracks, supply rooms and kitchens, Lt. Col. Burk said. Runners-up among the three battalions were: Co. A, and Co. C, tied for first in the 1st Bn.; Co. H, first in 2d Bn.; Hq. Co. and Co. I tied for first in the 3d Bn.

254th Unit Tours Training Areas

Bringing latest war developments to the battalions engaged in field exercises, teams of the 254th Inf. orientation staff toured training areas with their specially constructed war maps. Under the direction of Lt. George S. Hoar, regimental orientation officer, Cpl. Samuel Clark and T/5 Nathan Guttman addressed the 3d Bn. Wednesday. After a review of news highlights by Cpl. Clark, Guttman discussed the psychology of the Germans and their designs for an aggressive policy even after loss of the war. "Aside from Russia," Guttman declared, "the Germans will be the largest national group in Europe after the war. Their strategy from now until the end of the war will be to retreat and surrender but they will try to conserve the lives of their men for future aggression." On Thursday a team consisting of Cpl. Clark, Pvt. Max Pearlman, Co. B, and Pvt. Victor Baum, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., reviewed the war situation for the 1st Bn. and Intelligence units. A similar program was presented to the 2d Bn. by Sgt. Jacque Harrison, Co. E, Sgt. Simon Helman and Cpl. William Smith, Co. F.

Miss Washburn Weds Cpl. Arnold of 255th

Cpl. William E. Arnold, Jr., Co. H, 255th Inf. and the former Miss Eileen Mae Washburn, of Columbus, Ohio, were married in Chapel No. 10 at 1845 Thursday. Best man at the wedding was Lowery Vogel, also of Columbus, who is engaged to marry the bride's twin sister, Miss Cathlene Washburn. The latter was maid of honor at her sister's wedding. Following a three-day honeymoon in New Orleans, La., Mrs. Arnold will live in McComb, Miss.

Snake Eyes Follow New Guinea Airman

EAGLE FASS, ARMY AIR FIELD, Texas—When a transient P-40 taxied to a stop here it was recognized by Flying Instructor Lt. William Reynolds. "That's my old ship," he yelled as he dashed out on the field. A stenciled pair of dice, acey-deucey rampant, identified it as the ship, named "Craps," which he flew on seven missions against the Japs on New Guinea, over a year ago, before being returned to the United States after being injured in a landing.

BERNIE BLOOD

Pop's In Again

By GILL FOX



255th Announces Promotion of 96

Five officers and 91 men were promoted recently, it was announced by regimental headquarters, 255th Inf.

Officers promoted were: From first lieutenant to captain, Wallace G. Tuttle, 255th adjutant; Stuart Murphy, Hq. Co., and Luke J. Shultz, Co. D.

From second to first lieutenant: Daniel I. Collin and Benjamin J. Saviganac, both of Co. C.

Enlisted men promoted were: Advanced to technical sergeant were the following staff sergeants: Norman O. Anderson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Robert O. Sicard, AT Co., and Henry E. Crapps, Co. G.

Advanced to staff sergeants were the following sergeants:

Oscar Wiener, Alex P. Chismar, John H. Keams, Roy E. Russell, Roy T. Bachman, George A. Biddle and Frederick H. M. Rickett, all of Co. D; George Hartem, Russell W. Carlson, William E. DeBevoise, Nelson A. Lyias, Thomas F. Spear, John A. Hough, and Lambert J. Barker, all of Co. C; William E. Acker, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., and John F. McQuillan and Edward Goodman, AT Co., Marion R. Cox, Clifford B. Rickett, Francis P. O'Shea, Ernest M. O'Bryan, Jr., Richard F. McCarthy, Herbert C. Magovney, Dino A. Noroni, and Eugene F. Lash, all of Co. B; William C. Matis, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Joseph F. Leonard, Jr., Anthony J. Guerra and Wilson C. White, Jr., all of Co. E; Walter R. Howell, Jr., Robert O. Doss, Lammie N. Gambino, all of Co. F; Salvatore J. Stampiglio, Lawrence A. Giesey, Lawrence Beit, Theron R. Myers, and Joseph L. Favara, of Co. A; and Daniel J. Brush and Joseph A. Stordone, both of Hq. Co.

Advanced to sergeants were the following:

T-5 Colbran, H. Stowe and John S. Kisk, Co. D; and Cpls. Walter J. Chubick, Glenn W. McClintock, Michael S. Wash, Clyde B. Walters, Michael C. Quinn, Stanley P. Richard, Howard R. Hansen, Woodrow I. Minnix, Edson C. Lodge, Jr., Frank J. Szolose, and Gabriel Tafuri, all of Co. D; Russell E. Reaman, Malcolm M. Croft, John K. Henwood, Leo S. Jendrzewski, William Reaz, Richard L. Schenk, John LaChata, and James D. White, all of Co. C; Eli Soodik, George K. Sinkinson, and Thomas E. Quinn, Co. A; Anthony J. Tolomeo, Jr., Paul Obal, Emanuel A. LoGuidice, Paul W. Gettings, and Joseph Gangi, all of Co. B; George Rapuzzi, Charles A. Robinson, Freddie L. Mitchell, Leonard H. Luba, Warren C. Stout, James L. Smith and John J. Sulikowski, all of Co. E; Alfred Tutela, Roy G. Chrismon, John J. Bell, Joseph H. Bray, Carl P. Rosenbauer, Leo A. Pollino, and Thomas J. McMorrow, Jr., all of Co. F; and Jack E. Jatoski, Craig K. Berkleiser, Abraham M. Benk and Francis J. Green, all of Co. B.

Advanced to T/4 was: T-5 Raymond H. Garipey, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

Capt. McCord, 862d F. A. Is Promoted to Major

Promotion of Capt. George P. McCord, S-3, 862d F. A., to the rank of major, was announced this week.

Maj. McCord has been S-3 since December, having been transferred at that time from the 861st F. A., where he was liaison officer.



"OH, MY, NO!" says Cpl. Kay Cartwright of the WAC Detachment as Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White Special Service Office, attempts to make love to her in the CT White production, "Oh, My Back," which was presented in Natchez and in two Division Rec Halls during the past week. T/5 Leslie Heath is an interested bystander from beneath the bed. The skit dealt with the adventures of two gentlemen who barged into the wrong apartment by mistake.

Experts to Receive Badges on June 10

Date of presentation of the Expert Infantryman's Badge at combat team formations has been moved up from June 15 to next Saturday, June 10, because of time schedule difficulties.

On June 10, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, will present the awards, at formations of CT Red and CT White on the parade grounds, and CT Blue at its motor pool. Expert Infantrymen from Special Troops will form with CT Red.

Of the original 2136 men eligible to compete for the Infantryman's Badge, 686 have weathered most of the rigorous tests, although many men have yet to complete the marching, physical fitness and grenade course tests.

Breakdown by regiment of men still eligible for the award shows 180 in the 253d Inf.; 179 in the 254th; 252 in the 255th and eight in Special Troops. Division Headquarters men were ineligible for competition.

More than 100 men in all units who passed most of the tests were disqualified because of shipment, hospitalization, furloughs or because of transfer.

'Pushed and Pushed'

Forty-seven-year-old T/Sgt. George LeBlanc, Cannon Co., 254th Inf., a former cavalry sergeant with 24 years service to his credit, not only finished a 25 mile hike last week but did it in 5 hours, 50 minutes marching time, fifteen minutes before the main body of hikers finished.

Sgt. LeBlanc, who could have been excused from the hike because of his age says that he was determined to try it and that, "I pushed and pushed and damned if I didn't make it."

253d Motor Pool Is Commended

For the second consecutive time, the motor pool of the 253d Inf. commanded by Capt. Jack N. Duncan, was commended last week for its maintenance record after a spot inspection by the Fourth Army.

Average number of gigs per vehicle was 1.9. Each vehicle is checked on 150 possible gig features and Fourth Army sets 4.6 gigs per vehicle as passing, Capt. Duncan explained.

Because of the high maintenance standards achieved at the 253d motor pool, noncoms of the pool will be granted three-day passes. Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding the 253d cited the "superior showing by officers and men of the motor pool."

Captain Duncan praised the following officers and noncoms:

Lt. William R. Johnston, assistant regimental transportation officer; W/O Louis J. Miller, maintenance officer; Lt. John Farrell, 1st Bn. motor officer; Lt. Joseph Sharmuly, 3d Bn. motor officer; motor sergeants Oscar Becker, 1st Bn.; Louis Bucciari, 2d Bn.; Robert F. Wegman, 3d Bn.; Louis Abrams, Serv. Co.; Richard Herdman, Med. Det.; Angelo Sebben, AT Co.; William Arsenault, Co. Co., and S/Sgt. Caesar Gugliemetti, Rgt. Hq. Co.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
(From Saturday, June 3, through Friday, June 9)

SATURDAY—"Ladies of Washington" with Trudy Marshall, Sheila Ryan and Anthony Quinn.

SUN.-MON.—"The Eve of St. Mark" with Michael O'Shea, Anne Baxter and William Eythe.

TUESDAY—"The Scarlet Claw" with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. "Call of the South Sea" with Alan Lane, Bill Henry and Adele Mara.

WED.-THURS.—"This Is the Life" with Donald O'Connor and Susanna Foster.

FRIDAY—"Song of the Open Road" with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and W. C. Fields.

THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
(From Saturday, June 3, through Friday, June 9)

SATURDAY—"Make Your Own Bed" with Jack Carson, Joan Wyman, and Allen Hale.

SUNDAY—"Man From Frisco" with Michael O'Shea, Anne Shirley and Jean Lockhart.

MONDAY—"Ladies of Washington" with Trudy Marshall, Sheila Ryan and Anthony Quinn.

TUESDAY—"The Eve of St. Mark" with Michael O'Shea, Anne Baxter and William Eythe.

THURSDAY—"The Scarlet Claw" with Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, "Call of the South Sea" with Alan Lane, Bill Henry and Adele Mara.

FRIDAY—"Song of the Open Road" with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and W. C. Fields.

Large Audiences See 'Oh My Back' CT White Show

With Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254 Inf. commanding officer, and their wives in the audience, CT White Special Service Office presented its latest success, "Oh My Back," in CT White Rec Hall Monday night. Two more performances were viewed by audiences at CT Blue Rec Hall Wednesday and at Station Hospital Friday.

Fresh from a smashing success in Natchez, the show, which has a cast of 50, was commended by Gen. Hibbs, who conveyed his congratulations through Col. Warren.

The production, written by Pfc. Joe Dolin and T/5 Leslie Heath, is based on old time "burleycue" and the show "Hellzapoppin," and features a strip tease by Peaches La Trine.

Members of the WAC Detachment, led by Cpl. Kay Cartwright, lent glamor, while the 254th orchestra and the regiment's Drum and Bugle Corps furnished music for the show which will be presented once more at Five Points Rec Hall Monday.

Novelty hit of the show has proved to be Pvt. Gerald Patanella in the role of a GI whose only injury is a cut finger, but who has the medical book thrown at him. Paula Bland, singing "I Want a Man," was also outstanding.

Members of the cast were: Sgt. Seymour Barkowitz, T/3 Bernard Evans, T/5 Richard Farrel, Sgt. Gene Galanter, Pvt. Lloyd Chippis, Cpl. Richard Burns, Cpl. George Burns, T/5 Mordecai Bauman, and two civilian performers, Miss Ellie Shaw and Mrs. Bland, wife of Pvt. Gordon Bland, regimental orchestra leader.

New Range Plan For BAR Praised

For designing and successfully using a new plan for operating range firing of the BAR, commendation from Maj.-Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, came this week to Capt. Robert D. Saxon, commanding officer, Co. E., 253d Inf.

Capt. Saxon's organization of range instruction in the BAR was picked by Gen. Hibbs as a model for division-wide training in the weapon.

"The Commanding General desires that this fine example of prior planning for instruction be brought to the attention of commanders, in order that it may be emulated through the Division," the commendation stated.

Capt. Saxon charted the entire personnel operating the BAR range showing the exact location of each man used in handling range arrangements. The chart was circulated to each commanding office in the Division by Gen. Hibbs' order.

Methods of Japanese Told in Arty. Sketch

(Continued From Page 1)

his home town of Carmel, Calif. is subjected to ravages of a victorious Japanese invader.

The entire production was directed by Lt. O'Connell.

In addition to Sgt. Larkin, members of the cast were: T/4 Theodore Kazanoff, Serv. Btry., T/5 Walter Bauman, Hq. Btry. and Cpl. Martin Goldsholl, Btry. B, all of the 718th F. A.; Pvt. Charles Frank, Btry. A, and Cpl. John Grim, Hq. Btry., of 861st F. A.; T/Sgt. F. P. Koch, Hq. Btry., and Cpl. Max Goldstein, Btry. A, of 262d F. A.; and Pfc. Morris Fussel, B Btry., T/4 O. H. Beadel, Serv. Btry. and T/5 T. P. McIntyre, Btry. A, of 863d F. A.

Special sound effects were produced by Pvt. Frank Benevento, 563d Signal Co.

Gyrene Chosen Queen At Army May Dance

FT. GEORGE MEADE, MD.—For the first time since its inception in 1775 the United States Marine Corps had a leatherneck chosen as Queen of the May!

Experts to Receive Badges on June 10

Date of presentation of the Expert Infantryman's Badge at combat team formations has been moved up from June 15 to next Saturday, June 10, because of time schedule difficulties.

On June 10, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, will present the awards, at formations of CT Red and CT White on the parade grounds, and CT Blue at its motor pool. Expert Infantrymen from Special Troops will form with CT Red.

Of the original 2136 men eligible to compete for the Infantryman's Badge, 686 have weathered most of the rigorous tests, although many men have yet to complete the marching, physical fitness and grenade course tests.

Breakdown by regiment of men still eligible for the award shows 180 in the 253d Inf.; 179 in the 254th; 252 in the 255th and eight in Special Troops. Division Headquarters men were ineligible for competition.

More than 100 men in all units who passed most of the tests were disqualified because of shipment, hospitalization, furloughs or because of transfer.

'Pushed and Pushed'

Forty-seven-year-old T/Sgt. George LeBlanc, Cannon Co., 254th Inf., a former cavalry sergeant with 24 years service to his credit, not only finished a 25 mile hike last week but did it in 5 hours, 50 minutes marching time, fifteen minutes before the main body of hikers finished.

Sgt. LeBlanc, who could have been excused from the hike because of his age says that he was determined to try it and that, "I pushed and pushed and damned if I didn't make it."

Arab, Jew Fight For Democracy

(Continued From Page 5)

windmills with an umbrella at Munich in a vain attempt to preserve "peace in our time."

Puts Past Behind
Pvt. Ayish is trying to forget the troublesome times of his boyhood by plunging into his work with the medics.

Born in Palestine's capital city in 1922, Mohammad attended the American Friends' Boys' School, where he learned to read and speak English. His father had established a business in America long before but his mother preferred to remain in the Holy Land, where she lives today. The Ayish importing business has closed down since the war. Brought to America in 1939, Mohammad worked in Newport News, Va., until his induction in April, 1943. After basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., he went to several camps before being assigned to the 63d Div.

Brightest memory of Mohammad's is his 23-day trip to this country. He visited, Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Syria, Egypt and Transjordan. He speaks three and a half languages: English, Arabic, Egyptian-Arabi; and "Army Slang."

718th Sergeant Enters OCS at Fort Sill, Okla.

S/Sgt. Albert W. Wuttke, of Btry C, 718th F. A., left Thursday for the Officer Candidate School at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla. Sgt. Wuttke was the only applicant accepted from the Division.

Cpl. William Keene of the same organization left the same day as S/Sgt. Wuttke to take a four-month course in communications at Ft. Sill. Cpl. Keene is the orientation assistant at Btry. C.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—A woman walked up to Traffic Cop George Bensick and asked a simple question. "May I borrow your revolver?" she said. "I want to shoot my husband."



GENTLEMEN OF THE 253d prefer blondes. This was evidenced last Sunday when they selected pretty Catherine Ashford of Natchez to be their May Queen at a tea dance at CT Red Rec Hall. Miss Ashford differs from the usual Southern beauties only in the fact that she has blonde locks. Take a look and see for yourself.