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DIVISION TO TRAIN IN COMBAT TEAMS

News From Your Own Home Town

EIG SPRINGS, Tex. (CNS)—When a tire blew out while he was transporting a bear from San Antonio to Phoenix, Ariz., the driver of the car applied to the local ration board for permission to buy a new tire. The board chairman refused his request claiming that the transportation of bears was not essential. "OK," said the driver, "I'll turn the bear loose." He got the tire.

PURBANK, Cal. (CNS)—Edith DeSylva, shapely showgirl now working the midnight-to-morning "graveyard" shift at the Lockheed Aircraft Co., has been voted "Miss Graveyard of 1943" by her fellow workers.

DANVERS, Mass. (CNS)—Joseph W. Smithurst, 87, married Mrs. Bessie Brown, 77, in the First Baptist church here recently.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (CNS)—A 17-year-old boy was caught smuggling hacksaw blades to four pals in the county jug.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Most unphotographed legs in Hollywood are Gary Cooper's. Script for his next movie "The Story of Dr. Wassell" called for Cooper to wear shorts but the star demurred. Director C. B. DeMille took one gander at the rangy actor's pins and concurred. He'll wear long pants.

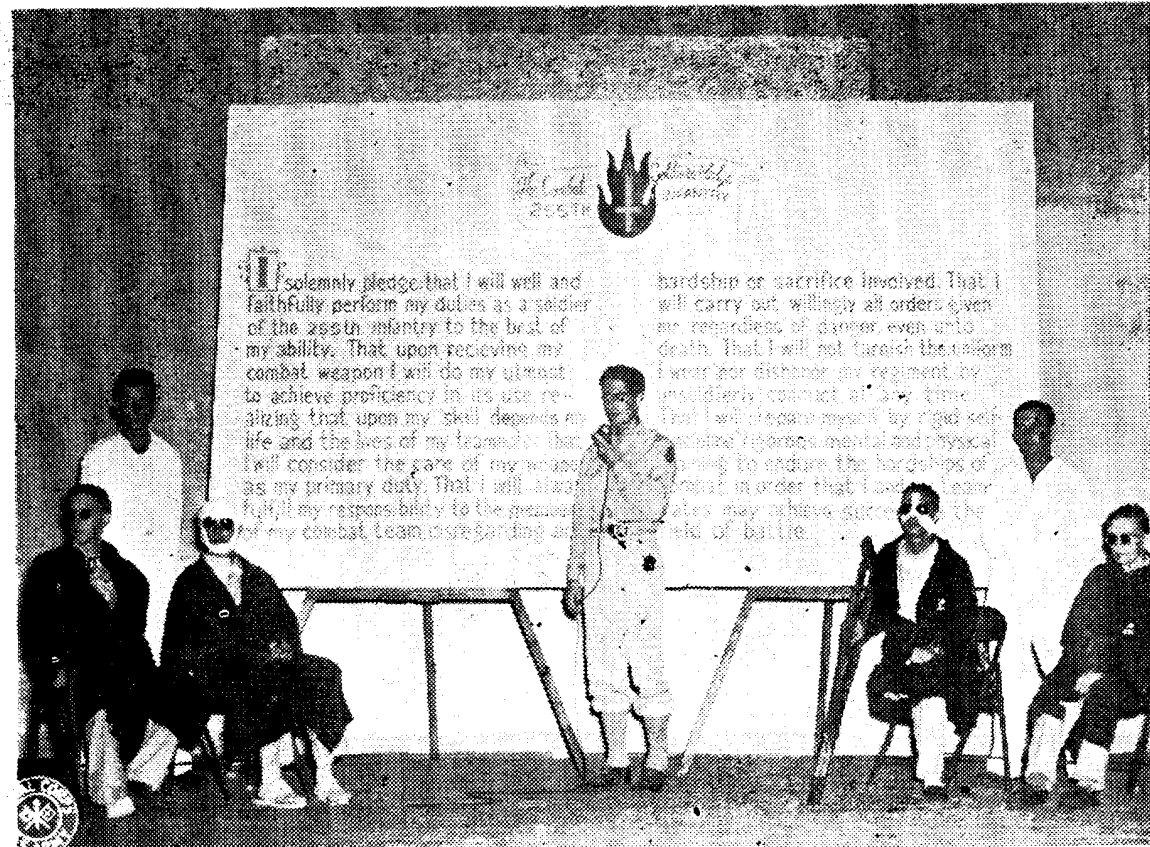
KALAMAZOO, Mich. (CNS)—No one in Kalamazoo has ever heard of Mrs. Betty Stedman but most everyone in town would like to meet her. Mrs. Stedman, who was named Mrs. America for 1943 at a beauty contest in Palisades Park, N. J., said her home town was Kalamazoo but she isn't known around here.

Bond Sales In Four Towns Soar As 63d Stages Shows

Helping to back the attack which their buddies overseas are carrying forward, men of the 63d Division with their weapons and other equipment, aided authorities of four communities in putting their respective Victory Loan Drives over the top during the past week-end.

At McComb, Brookhaven, Woodville and Eaton Rouge, cavalcades of trucks hauling grim weapons of war, and manned by soldiers in full field equipment, brought home to the populace the seriousness of the business in which this country is now engaged, and demonstrated how vital it is that the men at the front have the material with which to carry on the struggle

AS MEN OF 255TH TAKE COMBAT SOLDIER'S PLEDGE



U. S. Signal Corps Photo

Men of the 255th Infantry received their weapons and took the Combat Soldiers Pledge Tuesday, in a colorful indoor and outdoor ceremony made spectacular by graphic portrayals of the hazards met by men in combat who fail to take proper care of their weapons. Seated, (L.R.) Lts. John L. Fleming, Dana de P. Whittle, Michael E. Esquivel, and Sol H. Brodsky. Capt. Wilbur N. Davidson, narrator (center).

2,000 SEE C.T. BLUE SHOW AS TAUBMAN INTRODUCES SONG

Featuring the introduction of the 255th Infantry Song by Pvt. Paul Taubman, the first Combat Team Blue variety show opened Thursday night before a crowd of 2,000 soldiers in the Combat Team's recreation hall.

With the arrival of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs and Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris the bugle corp, standing out beneath a huge spotlight, played the Gen-

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eral's March. The spotlight then switched to the color guard which marched down the aisle bearing the colors.

Following the presentation of colors there was a community sing. This was followed in turn by Pvt. Lee Kelly, cowboy singer, Pvt. Jimmy Paul, singer, Pvt. McKay, singer, Pvt. John Simpson, who recited "The Flag Speaks," Pvt. Mordecai Bauman, master of ceremonies and singer, Pvt. Vitale, magician and card expert, The Combat Team Blue Quartette, Sgt. Sbordone, guitarist, Pvt. James Kelly, comedian and singer who almost stopped the show, the Combat Team Blue Swing Group, and finally a singing of Pvt. Taubman's song.

The show was managed by Pvt. Bauman assisted by Pvt. Taubman. Working backstage were Pvts. Harold Bolton, Ezra Stoller, and Manuel Segal.

Parades Scheduled For 63d Artymen

For the first time the 862d and 863d Field Artillery Battalions parade yesterday at full strength.

Leaving their organic transportation behind, the Artillerymen engaged in a formal drill parade.

The 718th and 861st Battalions are expected to stage a similar parade today.

The originally scheduled parade last Wednesday was rained out.

McComb Plans Club For Officers, Wives

McComb City through its Soldiers' Center Director Mrs. Mary Loch, is endeavoring to make the Officers as well as the enlisted men of the 63d Division feel at home.

Mrs. Loch told Blood and Fire today that a separate organization is planned for the Officers, and their wives who live in or near McComb. Wives of the officers are urged to telephone Mrs. Loch at her office—626, or her home 1492.

Battle Hazards Dramatized As 255th Receives Weapons

In a three-phase ceremony Tuesday afternoon, men of the 255th Inf. were presented with their weapons by the Regimental Commander, Col. Paul H. Tombaugh. As part of the ceremony a dramatization of the small hinge on which life or death may depend in battle was given, featuring Capt. W. N. Davidson as master of ceremonies, and Lts. Sol Brodsky, John L. Fleming, Dana de P. Whipple, Jr., Michael Esquivel, and Anton F. Vaitonis.

Immediately after the ceremony the men were moved to an area part of PFC John Tucker, related how, on the trip across the Atlantic to participate in the landings at Oran he had neglected to clean his rifle. Salt air got

PLAN TO INSURE CLOSE HARMONY BETWEEN UNITS

Complete harmony and understanding that will assure perfect coordination between the 63d's Infantry and Artillery under battle conditions, was assured recently by Major General Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, when he grouped each Combat Team as a unit in the cantonment area.

This new method of allocating troops represents one of the Army's latest devices to insure utmost cooperation between Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, and Medics. Taught by the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the new system was taken over eagerly by the 63d.

Change From Old Method

The move, placing Infantry and its supporting Artillery in the same living sector, was a change from the common method of allocating one section of camp to the Infantry Regiments and an entirely separate one for the Artillery Battalions.

Utmost cooperation and teamwork—the basic goal of the 63d, was exemplified by the new grouping. Officers and enlisted men of both branches will now meet on social grounds as well as under training conditions, enabling each to find out that the other is "human" too. The common understanding that will develop from close living association will bring about close tactical cooperation in the field.

(The new groupings may be better visualized by turning to the map of the Division area on Page 8 of this issue.)

Common Meeting Places

The grouping goes much farther

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behind the recreation hall where company guidons and colored markers directed the sections and platoons to the proper place for the signing of pledge cards and copies of the oath taken earlier in which they took the combat soldier's pledge. (Reproduced on this page.)

Oath of the Rifle

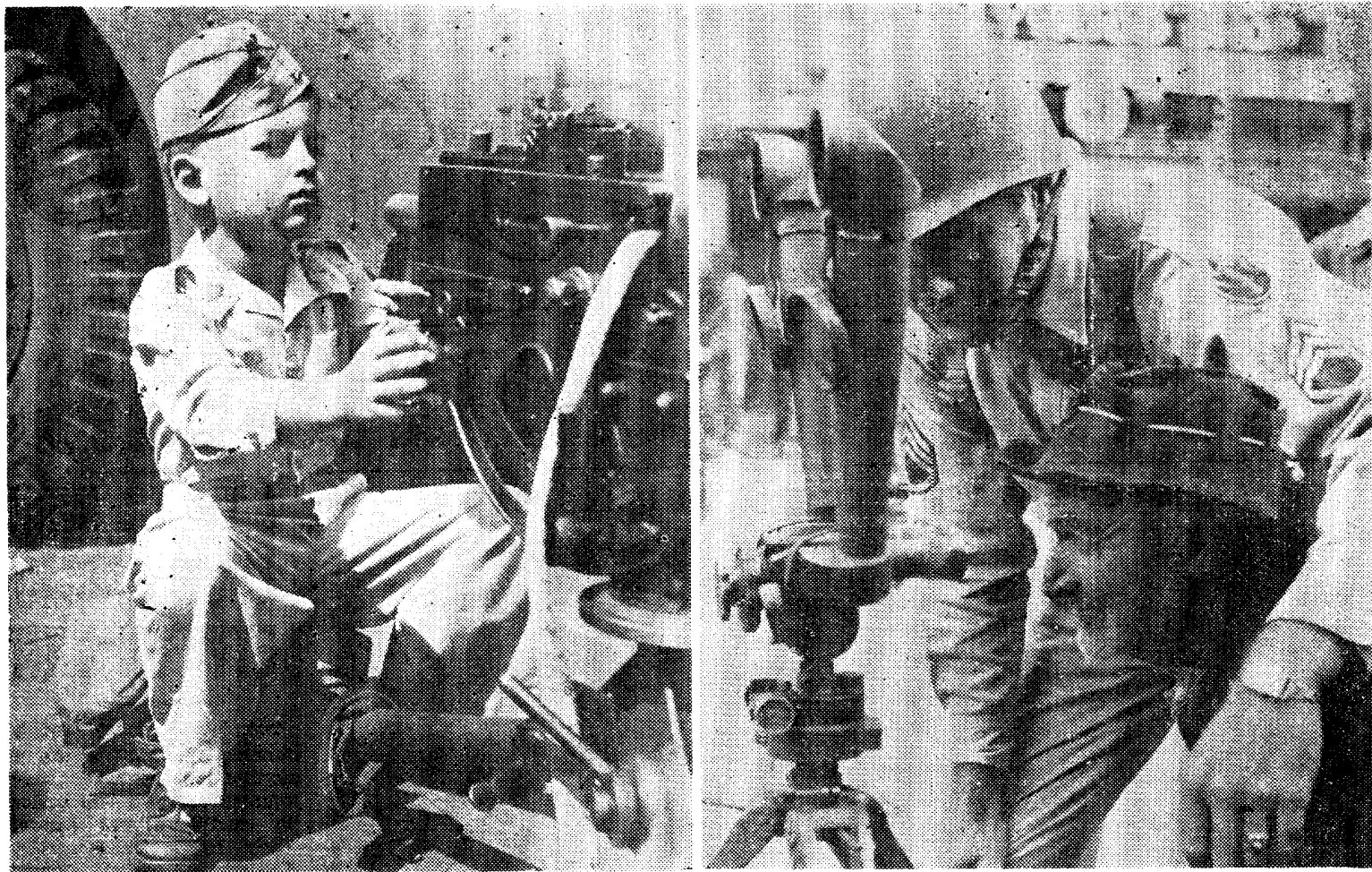
Opening the ceremony was a one-hour demonstration of light and heavy weapons in which their uses were explained and the importance of each detail stressed. This was followed by the administration of the Oath of the Rifle by Col. Tombaugh.

After that came the dramatization.

Lt. Sol Brodsky, playing the

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Weapons Bought by Bonds Prove Fascinating to Young and Old



TOWNS HIT PEAK IN BOND SALES WITH AID OF 63D

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was repeated Saturday afternoon, and the 63d's display of equipment was greatly instrumental in helping boost the town's quota. According to reports, Lincoln County, of which Brookhaven is a part, has gone over the top in subscriptions to the tune of \$725,000.

Servicemen who participated in the demonstration in the afternoon were the guests of the community Saturday night at a dance at the Country Club following which accommodations were provided for overnight lodging.

63d Band at Woodville

Woodville was fortunate to have the 63d Band. Combat equipment was on display, and the town was thronged by both residents and those who came in from nearby communities to see the soldiers and buy bonds. Authorities expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the Bond sales and credited the Blood and Fire representatives with playing a large part in the success of the drive.

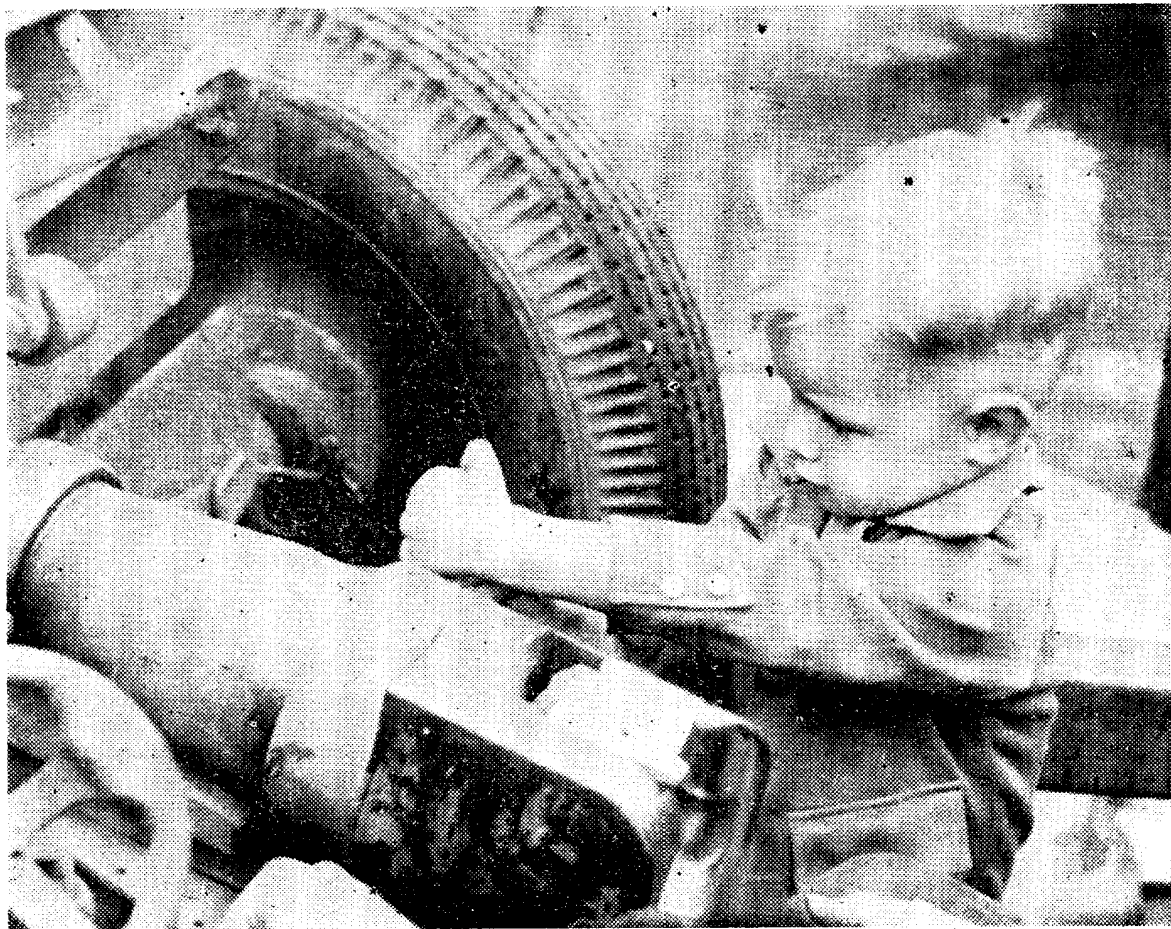
Baton Rouge had a huge night display of men and equipment Tuesday night in which the 63d participated. A parade of trucks from the Blood and Fire Division as well as from Harding Field, preceded a lengthy series of demonstrations which stimulated the sale of bonds and gave the spectators a chance to see how their money was being spent. Each weapon and vehicle bore a sign tabulating its cost and prices of various other pieces of equipment.

63D GLEE CLUB HAS AUDITIONS

The 63d Division is going to have a glee club. Auditions are being held in various units nightly under the direction of Cpl. John Campbell, former concert singer.

Any soldier desiring to try out for the group may contact Cpl. Campbell at the band barracks in Division Headquarters area. It is hoped that the organization will number 100 or more voices.

Cpl. Campbell is the solo cornetist for the 63d Division band, and has been heard several times in vocal roles with the Division dance band. He was well known in New York City having sung with the Leon Barin Opera Company of the National Orchestral Association at Carnegie Hall. He was also a member of several church choirs including that of the Riverside Church.



FREE PHONE CALL FOR LUCKY GI

A free telephone call to any part of the United States await the soldier who is fortunate enough to have his name drawn in a contest to be conducted by the USO of Centreville, as part of National Letter Writing Week which starts Sunday and concludes Saturday, Oct. 10, it was announced by B. Maurice Byrne, club director.

The new USO building at Centreville offers facilities for letter writing and every missive sent through the club will be noted and the names of the senders compiled in a list. At the week-end dance on Saturday, Oct. 10, names will be drawn and the lucky soldier will get his free phone call.

"It has been estimated," said Mr. Byrne, "that every hour 24 hours each day men and women in the armed forces of the United States avail themselves of the opportunity to write letters at the 2,375 USO Clubs and units in the United States and the Western Hemisphere. A total 17,000,000 letters have been written at these agencies each month," he continued.

"Every effort will be made to encourage men and women to write to their families and friends during the coming week. Letters should be deposited in a box made available at the club," he concluded.

Maj. Gen. Hibbs is entitled a 13 gun salute and two ruffles and flourishes. Brig. Gens. Har and McGaw get 11 gun salute and one ruffle and flourish.

First WAC Seeks Dependency Pay

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS) — The first family allowance application for the dependent of a WAC has been received by the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits here. Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director, announced today.

WAC family allowance No. 1 was filed by Pvt. Edith L. Outcalt on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Helen D. Outcalt, Highland Park, N. J.

Mrs. Outcalt's family allowance became effective Sept. 1 and her first check will be payable after Sept. 30. She will receive \$37 a month—\$22 deducted from Pvt. Outcalt's pay and \$15 contributed by the Government.

Since the WACs became an integral part of the Army Sept. 1, those in the four lowest enlisted grades may apply for family allowances for their dependents, including mothers, fathers, children, brothers and sisters under 18 years of age—but not husbands. The Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 makes provisions for wives but not husbands.

There were 1,065 generals in the Army as of June 31.

... and allow to go last Saturday when men and weapons of the 63d Division rolled into McComb, Brookhaven and Woodville to assist those communities in their drives for Victory Loan subscriptions. The scenes depicted here were taken at McComb. Top Left: all rigged out in his Major's uniform, little Jerry Schewe, son of Lt. Col. Schewe, Executive Officer of the 253d Inf., manipulates the handwheel of a .30 cal. machine gun. Top Right: John Beggs, aged native, peers through an A filler range-finder, while S Sgt. Edward Thomas of Fg. Bn., 63d F. A. Bn., explains its operation. One of the many youngsters who swarmed over and around the weapons is shown in the lower photo examining the breech mechanism of one of the 718th's newtizers.

IT'S "MEN OF BLOOD AND FIRE", NEW SONG FOR SPECIAL TROOPS

If you hear lusty voices of men ringing out in song from some Rec. Hall or Day Room in Division Headquarters area, one of these days, it will indicate that Special Troops are practicing their new song, "Men of Blood and Fire."

Set to the stirring tune of the "Song of the Vagabond," or, if you prefer the adaptation "Slum and Gravy," which is the famous West Point football song, the words for "Men of Blood and Fire" were written by Lt. Col. John M. Underwood, Commander of Special Troops, who is a firm believer in a singing army.

The song was introduced to

trainees of Special Troops at a recent song fest held in Theatre No. 2. An octet composed of S Sgt. Leland Rodgers, Sgt. George Marvie, Corps. Charles Blue, and Samuel Berger, and Privts. Louis Patrone, Cecil Frye and Peter Tannenbaum, led by Corp. John Campbell, presented the number, accompanied by one of the 63d's orchestras.

Here are the words:
Men of Blood and Fire, will you let those liars
Take from us the victory?
Hear a warriors' chorus, sweep those Japs before us,
Carry on to victory.
Onward! Onward! Charge against

the foe!
Forward! Forward the Army banners go!
Sons of Mars and Thunder, RIP those Japs asunder,
Carry on to VICTORY!

Col. Underwood does not intend to limit the repertoire of his men to a single song, however. He believes that frequent song-fests are good for soldiers and he plans to hold sessions from time-to-time during the training period.

In the first gathering the men sang a score or more old favorites, included among them were: "Long, Long Way to Tippararey," "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," and "Till We Meet Again." Most of them are carry-overs from the first World War but are still outstanding favorites with Army men.

PRIVATE LETTERS

Dear Mom:

That afternoon I got more lessons in Army technique. This one concerned itself with medical examinations, though I wondered for awhile just what they were going to do for me.

You remember that at the Reception Center I wrote and told you what "the Hook" was like; well, we got caught again today. We filed into the dispensary in a long line—the entire group of men. As we entered the building we were told to take off our shirts. We did so. We handed the desk sergeant the slip of paper our corporal had given us, indicating which shots we'd already absorbed, and then stepped into the assembly line. One white-coated gargoyle with a wicked leer painted a path of alcohol or something on my arm, then another fellow grabbed my other arm and said "Over here, soldier." I looked at him just as still another fellow grabbed the first arm. "Move on," said the fellow giving the directions. I realized I'd been tricked. I'd been "shot" and didn't even feel it. I took two steps; then I knew I'd had the needle. My arm was sore for two days.

However, the hook wasn't everything. We also had a dentist look at our teeth. He looked at mine so long I wondered for a moment if I'd gone through all my twenty years without any. Finally he said "Four" to his assistant, and I wondered if he meant 4-F . . . if I was to be sent home this late in the game. However, the corporal reassured me later by telling me that merely was the dentist's way of saying my teeth were O. K.

Since we'd had the hook, the first sergeant said he'd take pity on us and not march us or make us do any heavy work that afternoon . . . instead, he said, we could go see a nice movie.

I felt quite happy about that, and thought it was darn considerable of him. We marched into the movie house, and with a fanfare of trumpets the film began. It wasn't . . . as I had expected . . . a Mickey Mouse show. Instead it was a downright serious film on Military Discipline. There was also one on taking personal care of one's self which impressed me very much.

The G. I. movies were in line with the Army's thought that "A picture is worth 10,000 words," but I sure wish they'd had Grable in the cast! 'Twould have been worth a million!

I'm cramming this one in during lunch time, Mom, and now it's just about time for us to fall out (move out of the barracks) so I'll say good-bye for a while, Love,

JOE

PLAN TO INSURE Now The Story Can Be Told- CLOSE HARMONY 63d's SS Men Were Stood Up

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than mere placement of living quarters. Officers will meet in their common club and Non-Commissioned Officers will have a Combat Team N. C. O. club, instead of separate clubs as previously set up.

Each of the three combat teams have the Infantry and Artillery in the same section of camp but for the obvious necessity of training purposes the remaining components of the Team, the Engineers and Medical men have not been separated from their respective units.

Job More Difficult

That the new system creates some difficulties is undoubted, it was said. The Division Artillery Commander will have a much more difficult job training his men than if he had all the units of the Division Artillery together.

Disadvantages, however, are far outweighed by the advantage of getting into the habit of teamwork now in the opinion of 63d commanders. One of the prime lessons of North Africa was the necessity of close cooperation between the various ground forces. The fact that American forces learned this lesson early made them formidable foes, and enabled American commanders to utilize both their Artillery and Infantry to the best advantage.

New Field Coat For Army Officers

WASHINGTON — A new type overcoat has been added to the wardrobe of male officers, warrant officers, flight officers and contract surgeons, and to the two types authorized for wear by officers and enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps.

The new coat is called the field trench coat and is made of olive drab, wind resistant, water repellent cotton poplin or cotton twill cloth of two-ply construction. It has a buttoned-in removable wool lining and detachable hood. It is double breasted with a convertible style roll collar and notch lapel. It buttons down the front. The new overcoat's wool lining can be removed in mild weather.

Short overcoats previously worn by male Army Officers and enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps still are authorized for wear.

Officers of the Corps of Engineers are the only officers authorized to wear buttons on their blouses with other than the United States coat of arms on them. The Engineer buttons bear a flying eagle holding in its beak a ribbon scroll bearing the word "Essayons" (let's try) on it.

Now it can all be told. Sgt. Robert Peters, T-4 Jack Bracken, and Pvt. John Lyman, all of Division Special Service were in New Orleans recently on official business for S. S. Pvt. Lyman, who produced programs for Kay Kyser for two years and was active in radio circles on the Coast, learned that Kyser and his band plus several Hollywood celebs would be in town for the big bond rally at City Stadium.

Being an astute cove, Pvt. Lyman called Kyser. The latter



said jovially: "Nip up to my digs and bring your pals, Johnny." Lyman did so and Kyser invited the boys to the show. What was their dismay and heart thumps to find they were to escort several Hollywood lovelies to the scene. Sgt. Peters escorted Hollywood Starlet Doris Merrick, Sgt. Bracken had Georgia Carroll, and Lyman had Julie Conway, Kyser's soloist. "All gudjus Mrs. Yif Nif," as Milt Gross would say.

Left At The Lamp Post

Well, ennuh, as the falla says, when the party started for the bus to take them to the stadium, our gallant soldiers became separated from their lovely charges with the result that the gals rode off in the bus alone. Well, ahem! semi-alone, and the boys were left standing on the curb vainly yelling: "Taxicab, follow that bus!"

Lyman, still an astute cove, buttonholed H. I. Iley, who was

MASS AT GLOSTER

In response to requests by the wives of servicemen living in and around Gloster, Miss., the Rev. Patrick Moran, Roman Catholic priest stationed at Woodville, Miss., has announced that he will celebrate Mass at the Servicemen's Center, Gloster, at 1030 on the first Sunday of the month, beginning Oct. 3, and at 0830 on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Club Closed Thursday

Service Club No. 2 is closed each Thursday until 1700 in order to permit employes to have a day off and also for cleaning purposes.

In certain armored units the smallest organization is the four man crew of a scout or combat car.

in charge of the cavalcade end of the transportation, and explained the dilemma. Iley, quick as a wink, summoned a cab, slapped an "Official" sticker on its windshield, and ordered the driver not to spare the horses in an effort to get the gallants to the stadium on time.

Met the Celebs

Needless to say, the boys arrived on time, were admitted to the huge outdoor stage, and saw the show from the wings. Later they met Greer Garson, Lucille Ball, Betty Hutton, Fred Astair, Mickey Rooney who was his usual gay self, by the way—Jose Iturbi, Harpo Marx and many of the starlets.

Our heroes accompanied the gels to the train, holding tight to their hands this time so as not to be separated again. A good-nightcap was taken, then tearful farewells were said, and back to the Army once more. "Ah, those happy, hectic Hollywood hours," sighed Peters. The others only sighed.

VARIETY SHOWS PROVE BIG HIT

If the weekly Variety Shows staged by Division Special Service continue to pack crowds into the Service Clubs as they did last week, when 800 soldiers jammed into Service Club No. 1, they will have to erect a big top to accommodate all the fans.

Interest in the shows have been growing steadily with each succeeding week. Lt. John Swenson and his staff at Special Service has marshaled an array of talent composed of radio, stage, and concert performers who have been enthusiastically received by their audiences.

The shows are presented at Service Club No. 1 on Thursday night and at Service Club No. 2 on Friday. Tonight's performance will be at Club No. 2.

Augmented by one of the 63d's hot dance bands, such stars as Jackie Parris, late of Panama Hattie, entertains with songs. Pvt. Weiner and Pollack present clever imitations of the voices of President Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, and other public figures. Sgt. Bob Peters, formerly with Ben Bernie's orchestra, and a member of the staff of WLW, Cincinnati, is a tenor of ability, and Pvt. Paul Tanbmann, author of the Bomber Command song, is an accomplished musician on the piano and organ.

This group is being constantly increased in numbers by new additions from among the trainees who comprise the Division, so that the doughboys are assured of diversified entertainment of a high calibre each week.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

This has been a great week, believe me. I've been working like hell and liking it, and so has everybody else for that matter. I want to go on record right now that in pretty close to 25 years of soldering I've never seen a finer bunch of recruits than those we've just received.

At the rate they're improving we won't be able to call them that any longer. It would be hard to believe if I hadn't seen with my own eyes the great change that has taken place in such a short time. Two or three of my youngsters were selected for that test last Saturday, and I sneaked out to see how they were making out. They were performing like veterans and was I proud!

I hope you read that red hot tip I gave you last week about living to that Catechism for NCO's in order to become one. Believe me the chap who really lives up to it can jutt about write his own order as far chevrons are concerned.

Of course we all know that the end of the rainbow for the 63d is to be like Schickelgruber and Tojo "bleed and burn", but it's not quite as simple that. It just so happens that there are several hurdles we must take care we really get on their trails. The first one to get over is the test which comes about 14 weeks from now.

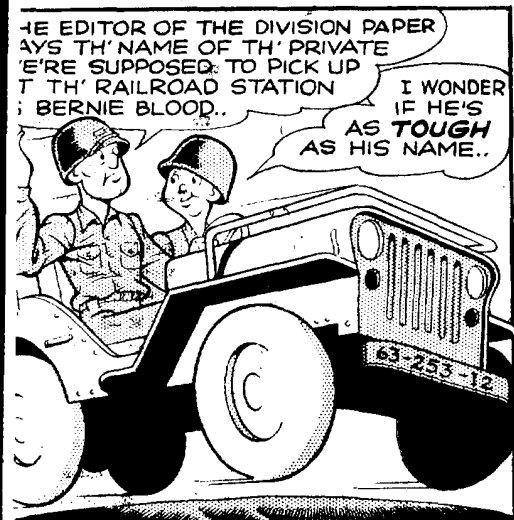
If you will take a look at the calendar you will see that this is early January 1944. With the New Year will come a flock of inspections from her up—and I don't mean heaven either—whose only job will be to find how much of the first 13 weeks instructions didn't soak in.

The New Year is bound to be a happy one if you'll just make your resolution now to work like hell to pass those tests and knock those inspectors cold. This will be just about the finest Christmas present the 63d could get, even though it comes a little late. Let's go!

ERNIE BLOOD

Bernie Drops In

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EDITORIAL

Badge Of Courage

We can't hold down a rising feeling of pride as we look about us each day and see the finest flower of American manhood wearing the Blood and Fire insignia on their shoulders. They walk with assurance—as though they too have something to be proud of. And they have.

Their pride, like ours, springs from the knowledge that they come under the banner of the flame and the sword. They are proud that they have been chosen to play a part in destiny; they have been selected to carry out the credo of the 63d—to make the enemy bleed and burn in expiation of his crimes against humanity.

It's a striking and beautiful insignia, that bleeding sword upturned in symbol of victory on a sheet of flame. It's a symbol that the men who wear it will bring to life the portents of its heraldry. When battle is impending they will have the fiery spirit that was portrayed so well by Macaulay when he wrote:

"Then out spoke brave Horatius, the Captain of the gate,

"To every man upon this earth, death commeth soon or late,

"And now can man die better than facing fearful odds,
"For the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his Gods."

They'll have that spirit—not to realize death, but to face it, laugh at it and carry on to victory.

Yes, men of Blood and Fire, we may well be proud.

For Whom The Bells Ring

Time was that when you put in a long distance telephone call and had to wait more than two minutes, you sat down and wrote an outraged letter to the president of the telephone company complaining about the service. That was okay—two years ago.

Times have changed. Today telephone lines throughout the nation are humming with the millions of messages that mean that rifles and gas masks and uniforms will roll off the production lines without interruption. Demands on businessmen for production and yet more production necessitate the constant use of the telephone.

What does all that mean to you? It means that telephone lines throughout the country—erected for peace-time uses—are clogged with calls—the calls that assure you of adequate weapons with which to meet the enemy. It means that when you want to call home, in most cases you're going to have to wait.

Have patience when you put in your call. Telephone bells throughout the nation are impatiently ringing with messages that may save your life.

Never ask for whom the bells ring. They ring for you.



News From Here And There

Army Changes Items Issued Men Overseas

WASHINGTON—Changes in the list of items which may be issued by commanders of field forces in theatres of operation outside the continental limits of the United States, have been made in accordance with Army Regulation 30-2210.

Soldiers overseas may now have shaving cream in lather form as well as the brushless variety. Tooth paste is supplied as well as tooth powder, but cigaret tobacco and paper have been discontinued and only pipe tobacco (not to exceed .08 ounces per man per day) has been substituted. Chewing tobacco has been reduced by half.

Other items on the list remain in the same quantity as before, i.e.: razors and blades, tooth brushes, toilet soap, candy, cigars, matches and gum.

Ignorance Is Bliss

LINCOLNSHIRE, England (CNS)—Mrs. James Carter who is 74, blind and deaf, is probably the only woman in England who is unaware that there's a war going on. Her daughter and son-in-law, with whom she lives, have succeeded in keeping the war from her "and we shall continue to do so," they said.

Discharge Seeks GI

WICHITA, Kan. (CNS)—Postal officials here are looking for Frank Roe. They've been looking for him ever since the last war. They want to give him his Army discharge papers issued Dec. 24, 1918.

Soldier Overseas Studies Bookkeeping

MADISON, Wis. (CNS)—A bookkeeper in a foxhole—that is what buddies of S/Sgt. Donald L. Clement call him. Sgt. Clement, who is throwing punches at the enemy overseas, finds time to study courses in bookkeeping and accounting from the United States Armed Forces Institute, the official War Department correspondence school here in which over 60,000 service men and service women are taking courses.

Shades of Davy

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Shades of Davy Crockett and the Alamo, one of his long lost descendants—long lost because he had never been in the United States before—turned up in New York City recently. He is Private David C. Crockett, a great-great-grandson of the hero of the Texas citadel.

Pvt. Crockett was born abroad, the son of Capt. Norton S. Crockett, an American officer of the last war who has had a federal government post overseas since 1920. When young David was 18 he chose to enlist in the American Air Force rather than the RAF. He is now in the United States on leave and hopes to see Texas and the Alamo, where his illustrious ancestor died.

Off The Beam Pigeons Railroaded From Crowder

FT. LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (CNS)—Three off-the-beam Signal Corps carrier pigeons bearing messages for Camp Crowder, Mo. landed here. The birds were placed in the care of a former pigeon racer stationed here until arrangements could be made to send them on to Camp Crowder—200 miles away—by rail.

Even Armistice Has Birthday Fete

CAMP STEWART, Ga. (CNS)—A camp-wide celebration is planned here on Pvt. Kenneth Armistice Marriott's birthday. Pvt. Marriott is considered a "good omen" in his battery because he was born Nov. 11, 1919 and was named Armistice in commemoration of the ending of the first World War.

Number, Please

CAMP CARSON, Col. (CNS)—Because of the old Spanish custom that prohibits an unmarried girl to travel alone, Anna Mattel de Jesus of Puerto Rico will be married by telephone to Pvt. Thomas Ballesteros-Morrell, stationed here. After the ceremony the bride will travel from Puerto Rico to join her husband.

The Sky Pilot Says it

By Chaplain Leonard W. Boynton
253d Infantry

The Old Testament contains a story that somehow strikes fire for our thinking in this present generation. The people of Israel suffered terribly at the hands of their Egyptian masters. Their bondage was unbearable. Oftimes they cried unto God to be delivered from their oppressive bondage. And God raised up a great leader in the person of Moses. When the people began to understand the great scope of the undertaking which Moses proposed, some of them were very hesitant. They were debating the issue of liberty versus security.

As they followed Moses, the Israelites experienced many hardships. Food was scarce in the wilderness; Pharaoh and his legions were in hot pursuit of the escaping slaves. Many became afraid, fearing that the whole cause was lost.

When the people were almost overcome with this mood of fear, when they were literally hemmed in by barriers and obstacles, God, through Moses, called upon them to attempt something that seemed to them utterly impossible. On either side was wasteland where flight would be folly. Behind were the horses, chariots, and men of Pharaoh's army. In front were the waters of the Red Sea. Then another challenge faced them: "And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." How could they go forward? But the history of this people records how they did go forward. They faced what seemed impossible; but they faced it with God.

Some of the very clearest and most urgent calls of God come to us through the medium of an inner compulsion to attempt something that seems to us an impossible undertaking. Working with God, assuming our rightful responsibilities, we can face and conquer the impossible. This, then, is our counsel:

"Say, 'By the grace of God I will,'

And you can climb the steepest hill.

"Say, 'By the grace of God I will,'

And you can dare the greatest plan."

And this is our faith: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Throughout history the souls of men have fled from difficulties only to find themselves up against even greater obstacles. And when every earthly resource seems spent or cut off, man's helplessness and desperation lead him to look with new faith toward that unseen source of strength and aid. And then, somehow, by the hand of God rather than by the hand of man, a way is opened for advances into the Kingdom of God. "Speak to the children of this generation that they go forward."

G. I. Jingles

PAY CALL

By
The Bard of Brooklyn

The topkick blows the whistle;
It's a little bit past nine;
And the company assembles,
And they get themselves in line.

It's the last day of the month,
And you're broke, without a dime—
And the payrolls' all been made up,
And you're standing there in line.

First the topkick draws his money;
Then the third grades step up fine;
Then the sergeants and the corporals—
While you're standing there in line.

Eleven thirty's come up,
And it's time to go and dine;
So they call a halt to paying,
And you get on the chow line.

And when everyone has eaten,
And your belly's feeling fine;
Then the topkick blows his whistle,
And you get into the line.

You move up to the doorway
In the place you've been assigned,
And your hands begin to curl and itch,
And the wind it tastes like wine.

Then the topkick calls your name
From the roll you should have signed,
And the CO glances up and says,
"Hey bud' you've been red-lined."

Inquiring Reporter

The Question—Should there be compulsory military training after the war?

Pvt. Ernest H. Bowden, 253d Inf.—I think that young men of high school age should receive some military training, both in the School of the Soldier and in tactical problems. It will not only serve to build up a capable reserve force in the event of another crisis such as the present one, but also teach young men self-reliance and develop them physically. I would say that a three-year period of training should be compulsory.

Pvt. William E. Willhite, 241st Medical Co.—Some training should be mandatory in order to prepare men for the eventuality of war. If such a system had been the order before we entered the present conflict much time and effort would have been saved in properly preparing men for combat.

Sgt. George L. Berry, Div. Chemical Warfare—I think there should be peacetime training of some sort for young men. I favor it especially for young men coming out of school. A year, say, of military training would be beneficial in many ways to young men and might even aid them in preparing themselves for life in the business world by teaching them some trade or skill.

Pvt. Jack Israelow, C Battery, 861st F. A.—Compulsory military training should be given to young men after their proper schooling has been completed in order to fit them for the different conditions of life which lie before them. It also set our country on a firm foundation so that no foreign power will ever dare take the opportunity to catch us unprepared and attempt to destroy the principles for which we are now fighting.

Pvt. Michael A. Vacarro, Hq. Co., 253rd Inf.—It all depends, if there is a just peace forthcoming from the present conflict I see no reason to impose a compulsory military training on anyone. The Axis powers have proven that too much militarism makes automatons of men because a man under constant military law becomes a slave to military rule. If we are to be in danger because of a peace not well made, then we must be prepared.

THEATER SCHEDULE

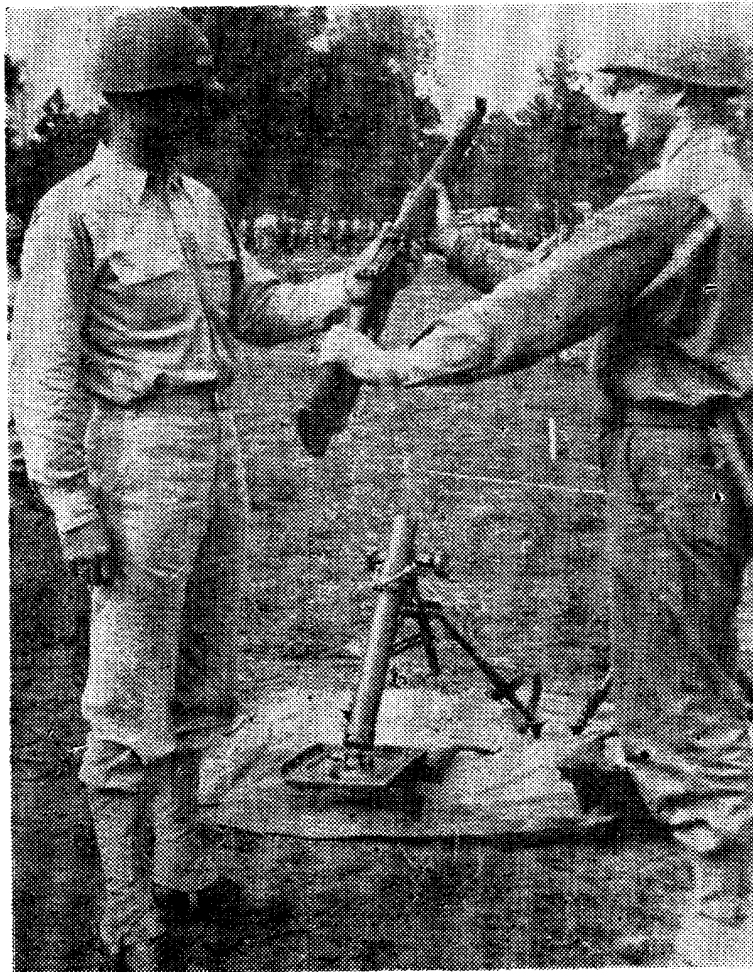
- Theaters No. 1 and 2**
(Starting time—No. 1—1845; No. 2—1810)
- Oct. 1 Holy Matrimony — Gracie Fields, Monty Wooley.
 - 2 Watch on the Rhine—Bette Davis, Paul Lukas.
 - 3-4 Winter Time—Sonja Henie, Jack Oakie, Cesar Romero.
 - 5 The Good Fellows — Cecil Kellaway, Mabel Paige.
 - 6-7 Sahara — Humphrey Bogart, Bruce Bennett.
 - 8 Hostages—Luise Rainer, Paul Lukas, William Bendix.
- Theaters No. 4 and 5**
(Starting time—No. 4—1845; No. 5—1800)
- Oct. 1-2 A Lady Takes a Chance—Jean Arthur, John Wayne, Charles Winniger.
 - 3 Holy Matrimony — Gracie Fields, Monty Wooley.
 - 4 Watch on the Rhine—Bette Davis, Paul Lukas.
 - 5-6 Winter Time—Sonja Henie, Jack Oakie, Cesar Romero.

SOLDIERS RECEIVE WEAPONS IN COLORFUL CEREMONY



Photos by Pvt. Bill Schiff, 653d Signal Co.

Soldiers of the 255th Infantry sign the Combat Soldiers Pledge (top photo), (L. R.) Pvts. El. Soodik, Bill Walker and Dante Druda. Inaugurating the distribution of arms, Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, 255th Commander, (left) presents Pvt. Jack McBride, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., with a rifle.



Medics Doctor Cars To Win First Place

Proving that pill-rollers are men of varied talents, the 363d Medical Bn. beat the 763d Ordnance Co. at their own game by taking over first place in the Auto Ordnance Spot Check League standings.

The League is made up of all the units of the Division. Standings are the result of inspections of auto ordnance equipment made by a division sport check team.

Ranging behind the medics, in order of their standings, other leaders were the 253d Inf., 861st F. A. Bn., 862d F. A. Bn., 254th Inf., 63d Recon Troop, 255th Inf., and 863d F. A. Bn.

Doughboys Attend Dance At Natchez

The Military Maids of Natchez and the Servicemens' Club were hosts to soldiers from the 63d Division at a dance held in the Community Hall last night. The men traveled to Natchez by convoy.

The dance was one of a series which are being given periodically for men of the Division at Natchez. Dances are held, in addition to weekly affairs, on Saturday nights either at the Servicemens' Center, or at the Community Hall.

Hospital Patients See Variety Show

Patients at Station Hospital were entertained Tuesday night by the Variety Show sponsored by Division Special Service. In addition to the regular troupe of performers, a newcomer, Pvt. Man-nie Rose, late of the Rainbow Room, Radio City, where he was a star tap dancer, proved one of the show's hits with a sparkling exhibition of clever footwork.

In the 14 months that V-mail has been in use, more than 110,000,000 pieces have been processed and delivered.

SNAFU HAS INTERESTING FACE SAYS WILKE, POSITIVELY SIMIAN

The Yardbird settled himself in his chair and prepared for a long argument.

"This here business about pioneers is strictly baloney," he told Pvt. Ulfert Wilke, BLOOD AND FIRE's staff artist. "Thass all a lot of bull. I kinnot see where they are so smart."

Wilke raised eloquent eyebrows.

"And how," he wanted to know, "do you arrive at zat most start-ling conclusion?"

Poifeckly Obvious
"Thass poifeckly obvious. I ast you—would anybody in his right mine come out here and ereck buildings and cities and stuff when they is a place like Brooklyn what is waitin' with open arms? It's poifeckly obvious. This here business about pioneers is just baloney."

Wilke studied the Yardbird for a moment.

"I would like to know what

has brought on zat outburst wiz respect to Brooklyn."

Foillough to Brooklyn

"Oh," said the Yardbird, "I been figgerin' out train schedules to Brooklyn so when I get me foillough I will be ready to hop afore that ole choo-choo. This here is one yardboid that ain't gonna be unprepared when that ole foillough comes along. All they have to do is put them ole foillough papers in me han'. Thass all, brother, thass all."

"Yes," said Wilke, "I can imagine."

The Yardbird reared his head back slightly.

"You mean something by that crack?"

"Why no," Wilke said, somewhat startled. "It was purely social."

The Yardbird was willing to be pacified.

"Well, less not have no more

BATTLE HAZARDS PORTRAYED FOR 255TH SOLDIERS

Continued from Page One

in the barrel, but PFC Tucker didn't know it. When his group landed fighting, the sergeant of Tucker's platoon was hit immediately, and Tucker saw the soldier who had fired the shot.

"Not Worth A Damn . . ."

"I exposed myself momentarily and drew a perfect bead on him," Tucker said. "I pulled the trigger and nothing happened. The gun wouldn't fire. A second later a bullet hit me in the left arm and another in the right foot. Next morning my arm had to be amputated, and here I am, not worth a damn to anybody because of my own stupid neglect in not cleaning my rifle when I had the time and opportunity."

PFC Tom Gallapher, played by Lt. John L. Fleming, lost his left arm in New Guinea.

"We failed to take into consideration mask clearance in setting up our mortar position," he said. "The first shell we fired from the position failed to clear the trees in front of us and down one came. It wasn't close enough to do anything but stun us momentarily. But evidently a Jap forward observer saw what happened and before we could recover from shock, artillery shells came pouring in. We were trapped. I thought that barrage would never end. They got everyone in the squad, except me and George Hansen.

Carelessness

"It was all caused by careless use of a potent and important weapon. I only hope that by telling you mortarmen this story the lesson will stick with you. I'd hate to see anything like that happen to you."

of them soshul cracks. I yam a peaceful guy until someone starts in with me. Then I yam a bull. I will not have no cracks passed about me."

"It was purely innocuous," Wilke defended.

The Yardbird became vehement.

No Innockerous Cracks

"Thass what I mean. I will not have none of them innockerous cracks passed."

"I did not intend any offensive connotations," Wilke said.

The Yardbird was losing patience.

"There you go again. I yam tryin' not to lose me temper. But you kin not open yer yap without makin' a crack. I yam a gentle guy, but there is a end to me patience."

Wilke got up and went over to his drawing board.

"I do not care to resume ze conversation wiz you," he said.

Snafu stalked after him.

"What kind of a man are you? Here you go aroun' hoitin' people's feelings an' then you back out. I deman' an apology. I got a sensitive nacher. Them there remarks has bruised me."

Interesting Face

Wilke put a clean sheet of drawing paper on his board.

"You have a most interesting face," he told the Yardbird. It is positively simian, you see."

The Yardbird stretched himself comfortably, while Wilke drew.

"Y'know, ole pal," he said, "thass the nices' thing I have ever been tole."

The word corporal comes from the Latin word CORPUS—meaning "head"—and signifies the head of a body of men.

SPORTS SWIRL

Note—This column will replace Sports Slants which have been running on this page. It will be devoted to comments on sporting activities, both within the Division and in the sports world in general.

The second Division softball tournament is having a battle with the elements in an effort to get under way. Incidentally softball had its inception as a national sport just 14 years ago when Leo Fischer, Chicago sportswriter, took the game out of the playground category and promoted a big-time tournament.

Lt. Lt. Bernard Levkoff is a mighty man with the golf club. Driving off from the first tee in the recent Officers' tournament at McComb, the Lt. sent the ball sailing for 300 yards. He negotiated an eagle on the hole and then finished second to Lt. Likas in the tournament.

Bernman Kies, former New York Yankees catcher, is the latest sports celeb to turn up among the Division trainees. Bornman was sold to the Yankees by the Toledo Mud Hens in 1930. He under-studied Bill Dickey and caught many games for the Bronx Bombers during his eight years as a team member.

Division Special Service is planning a boxing tournament to be held sometime in the near future. Tommy Gomez, of Station Complement MP's is one of the causes. Tommy is rated high among the slim ranks of the heavyweight boxers in the country.

There should be plenty of color at the La. State University vs. Rice football games this season—evidenced for this the large attendance of 63d Division men at the opening thriller last Saturday. Blood and Fire blazed all over the stadium.

Young Mr. Steve Van Buren, the 'Tiger's' battering back, gave the fans plenty of thrills in the game with Georgia. He'd be a good man on any field. He has power, speed and all-around ability as a back. Bill Scholl, the freshman fullback is a capable running mate for Steve. Bill's blocking played no small part in making Van's efforts effective.

It is reported that the 254th Infantry is planning to have real tackle football teams. No kidding. Special Service is supplying the equipment, which is limited at present. If more is received it will be available to any unit in the Division.

All we need now is a batch of good bowling alleys and what a whole of a Division bowling tournament we could have. It might even rival the annual NBC event for stars and number of entries. But we haven't even a lawn on which to bowl, not to mind a strip of hardwood.

Star Nines To Play For Overseas Units

In a surprise move last week the War Department approved Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis' plan to send all two-star teams of baseball players overseas to the South Pacific area for the purpose of staging exhibition games for servicemen.

The tour will begin shortly after the close of the World Series. Coach Douglas MacArthur and troops in the Pacific were said to be enthusiastic over the prospect of seeing real professional baseball.

Pvt. Terry Moore, former captain and star center fielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, is now stationed at Port of Spain in Trinidad.

255th Tens Win Opening Softball Games

TICKETS ON HAND FOR TIGER-RICE GAME TOMORROW

There will be no convoy to take soldiers of the 63d Division to the Louisiana State-Rice football game tomorrow night at Baton Rouge, but tickets, at 55 cents each, are available to all who desire them, according to Division Special Service. This time all seats will be reserved.

Last week the run on tickets was so great that Special Service had to dispatch a messenger to LSU day before the game for an additional supply. In addition to those who traveled to Baton Rouge by convoy, many others went to the game by other means of locomotion.

This week's contest promises to provide plenty of football for the fans. Rice lost, 6-0, to the Randolph Field Ramblers last Saturday when one, Glenn Dobbs, late Tulsa All-America star, handcuffed the Owls by his fine kicking and then beat them by heaving a pass in the last quarter for the winning touchdown.

LSU showed that it has a powerful backfield in last week's game against Georgia, which the Tigers won in the last minutes, 35-27. In Steve Van Buren, the Purple and Gold, has a power-driving back who can plunge the line, skirt the ends and kick and pass with the best of them.

The Tiger line proved vulnerable on occasions however, and the defense against pass plays was weak. Coach Moore worked to bolster these phases of the defense during the current week.

Battery A Ten Tops 863d Loop

With one more game to play, the men of Battery A softball team are about ready to claim the championship of the 63d F. A. Bn. by virtue of three straight triumphs in the inter-battalion tournament.

Battery A's team has scored victories over Hq. Battery 20-3; Battery B, 10-4, and Battery C, 7-4. Following the latest triumph scored Sunday, the aspirant to the title challenged the Service Battery to a game.

Pvt. Wilfred Thorne was the big gun for the victors in the game with Hq. Battery when he drove in 10 runs in three trips to the bat and blasted two homers, and a triple. Pvt. James Westmoreland, slammed a homer and a triple. Starring also were Sgt. Ronald Dunlap with a triple and a double, Dunlap with a triple and a double, Pvt. Robert H. Rowe, former Springfield, (Ill.) High School coach.

Leads Army Team

Leading hitter on the Sixth Ferrying Command baseball team is Max West, ex-Braves outfielder, who has clubbed 482 and hit 10 homers in 53 games. Second best batter on this hard hitting nine is Hank Danning, former Giants catcher, with 432. He is followed by Nanny Fernandez of the Braves, a .411 sticker and Red Ruffling, alternating between the mound and the outfield, with a .383 average.

Dee Moore, Phillies catcher, has been assigned to the Marines and given a 2-week furlough before reporting to the San Diego (Cal.) Base for training.

BIG GUNS IN WORLD SERIES LINEUPS



When the World Series crowd roars at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, King Kong Keller, left, and Stan Musial will be the most feared men in the respective batting orders.

Lt. Likas Nets 31 To Win Officers' Golf Tournament

In a battle against onrushing darkness, which, in some instances overtook contestants before they finished the nine holes, officers of the 63d Division, led by Lt. Donald Likas, 255th Inf., with a net 33, battled it out on the links of the Fernwood Club at McComb last Friday afternoon, in a blind bogey golf tournament.

The victor, with a gross score of 42 led Lt. Bernard Levkoff of Special Service, arranger and guiding spirit of the tournament, who posted a net of 37. A 14 stroke handicap was greatly instrumental in aiding Lt. Likas. The runner-up had a handicap of seven.

Majors Tie With 36's

Tied for third and fourth places were Major Glenn Y. Williamson, Division Chemical Officer, who grossed 50, and, handicapped at 14, came out with a net 36; and Maj. Frank B. Farr with a 48 gross and a net 36.

Low gross honors went to Lt. Ralph B. Bond of the 255th Inf., with 41. Lt. Bond, a former golf pro, was low man in the handicap bracket with only two strokes. His net score was 39.

Matches Used

Held late in the afternoon so as not to interfere with training, the tournament finally devolved into a fight with the fading twilight. In at least one case a match had to be held over the cup in order to guide the golfer

Ken Silvestri, former New York Yankee catcher, repaid Lt. Johnny Beazley the other day for the ex-Cardinal pitcher's two victories over the Yanks in last year's World Series. Silvestri belted a homer off Beazley to give the Second Army a 1-0 victory over Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Beazley, on detached service, was pitching for Oglethorpe. He yielded six hits and fanned seven while Sgt. Hugh Mulcahy, former Philly star, hurled 3-hit ball for the Second Army.

to the hole. Misses on short putts were frequent as officers strained to complete the prescribed round.

That the military life is not particularly conducive to good golf was amply demonstrated by some of the scores which might have been commendable for 18 holes, but were met by mournful sighs on the nine-hole course at Fernwood.

A similar tournament for enlisted men of the Division is expected to be held soon, Lt. Levkoff said.

WORLD SERIES DOPE

Contesting Clubs—St. Louis Cardinals, National League, defending champions and New York Yankees, American League, best four out of seven games.

Place—First three games, Oct. 5, 6, 7, at Yankee stadium; remaining games, starting Oct. 10 at Sportsman's Park, day intervening between sixth and seventh contests if necessary.

Park Capacities—(previous series high)—Yankee Stadium, 69,902; Sportsman's Park, 39,946.

Managers—Billy Southworth, Cardinals; Joe McCarthy, Yankees.

Time—1330 (time of city where played); 1430 Central Time.

Backbone of the football team at Camp Davis, N. C. is built around Cpl. John Mellus, Villanova All-American tackle in 1935 and later a star with the New York Giants.

Col. Paul D. Bunwer, CA, who died Sept. 7 in a Japanese prison camp, was an All-American football player at West Point in 1901 and 1902. In 1901 Col. Bunker was named to Walter Camp's All American team as a tackle and the next year he made the team as halfback. He was captured by the Japanese at Corregidor.

THREE VICTORIES MARK BEGINNING OF COMPETITION

Handicapped by rain which forced two postponements the second Division Softball Tournament for the Pepsi-Cola Trophy got under way this week with the staging of five games. Teams representing the 255th Infantry proved impressive by registering three triumphs.

The First Battalion of the 255th scored the most decisive win when it downed the 254th's first battalion team, 9-2. The Third Battalion of the 255th beat the 254th Third Battalion, 5-4, and the Special Unit of the 255th rallied to stop the 254th ten, 4-1.

Two games Tied

The two remaining games resulted in ties when rain halted further proceedings. The Second Battalion ten of the 254th deadlocked with the 255th, 2-2, and the 63d Signal Company team tied 3-3 with the 263d Engineers Bn.

It was Pvt. Lloyd Scobee's double which scored two men in the fifth, that gave the Special Units their win over the 254th Troops. The 255th's unit trailed 1-0 until the fourth when it tied the count at 1-all. Scobee relieved Pvt. White in the box in the third and turned in a sparkling mound performance setting seven men down on strikes in the last three innings.

Snaps Deadlock

Two runs scored in the fourth inning by the 255th Third Battalion team, snapped a 3-3 deadlock and brought the 5-4 victory.

Play in the tournament will continue next week and the finals are expected to be staged, barring delays due to inclement weather, within two weeks time.

Mustang Stars Bolster Irish

Notre Dame's hopes for a better than ordinary football team this season soared with the announcement that two of Southern Methodist University's stars, Abel Gonzalez, triple-threat back, and Ray Rasor, guard, have been ordered to South Bend Sept. 30, to take the naval V-7 course.

Besides being a smart running back Gonzales is the Southwest's top flight passer and along with Angy Bertelli, the Irish will have two stellar pitchers. Rasor scintillated in the line for the Mustangs last season and should be a big aid to Coach Leahy.

Giants Break Precedent

Horace Stoneham, owner of the N. Y. Giants, upset precedent recently when he signed Mel Ott as manager of his club for another three-year period after the Giants finished a very bad last in the National League pennant race. The New Yorkers have dropped more than 90 games to date. Stoneham's act absolved Ott of being at fault for the Giants' nosedive, and Ott proved his favor with the fans by leading the popularity poll in the War Bond League's drive for purchases.

Lt. Archie Williams, former track star at the University of California and a member of the 1936 Olympic team, has been assigned to the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., as weather officer. Lt. Williams holds the world's record for the 400-meter run.

GEN. HIBBS PRAISES CHAPLAINS AT START OF PREACHING MISSION

Praising Division chaplains for their devotion to the spiritual and personal welfare of the soldiers, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Division Commander, welcomed visiting Protestant clergymen and missionaries to Camp Van Dorn Tuesday morning at Chapel No. 1.

The gathering marked the start of a series of meetings known as Religion and Life, which began Tuesday and concluded yesterday. The purpose of mission, 36th held in Army camps and forts since the United States entered the war, was to strengthen the moral, morale and spiritual life of the fighting forces.

In his address Gen. Hibbs said: "I have as fine a group of chaplains in my Division as could be found anywhere. They are not only gentlemen but they are what spiritual leaders should be. They are also a great group of soldiers."

Problems Manifold
The Division Commander has many responsibilities, the greatest being the care of his personnel and the things with which he deals. Most of all, his problems arise not from the handling of his troops but from the handling of the individual problems of his command. The Chaplains are the tools with which the commander works his personal problems. They are the bulk of assistance in handling the problems of the men.

The spiritual guidance of the soldier, and the solution of all the worries he has concerning himself and his family falls upon

the shoulders of the chaplain. In the same way a soldier goes to the chaplain when he is in trouble, just as God is the one he goes to when he is in actual combat.

"I would like to point out the fact that the closer a unit gets to actual fighting the greater is its response to religion."

"Captain" Eddie Rickenbacker stated that his only source of hope while he was in the ocean was a Bible which one of the men had in his pocket.

"I am happy to see the activity of the Church in bringing help and assistance by spiritual leaders as you now find visiting this camp. I am delighted to welcome you gentlemen and leaders here. I would also like to pay tribute to all the Chaplains on the post."

Col. Guthrie Extends Welcome
Col. Robert E. Guthrie, Camp commander, also thanked the clergymen for the fine work they were doing on behalf of the personnel stationed at Camp Van Dorn.

The mission was sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and all the Protestant Chaplains at Camp Van Dorn.

Since the inception of the Officer Candidate program, the Army has turned out more than 266,000 officers, serving in all branches, and ranging in grade from second lieutenants to lieutenant colonels.

PHOTOG SEES 'STARS'

Private Bill Schiff, former New York World-Telegram staff photographer, hadn't been in the Army two weeks when he was handed a camera and told to get some photos of the Ranger Platoon blitzing a German village in the maneuver area. As Schiff crept along the ground close behind the flame thrower he heard machine-gun bullets whizzing close by and flinched.

"Don't worry about the bullets, you just take the picture and let me worry about the bullets," said a voice behind him. When the action was all over and the photo taken, Bill turned to see who had egged him on. It was smiling Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division commander.

SWEETHEART OF THE 63D



U. S. Signal Corps Photo

Before Dinal Shore said goodbye to the boys of the Division she was given the flaming badge of the outfit when Pvt. Leland Lant of the Service Company, 253d Infantry made it official by sewing the emblem to her sleeve. Pvt. Burt nails from Billings, Mont., and Hollywood, Cal.

Centreville USO Holds Quiz Test

Quiz contests will be a regular Sunday afternoon feature from now on at the Centreville USO. This was decided by a vote of soldiers who were present at last Sunday's get-together at the Clubhouse. When the doughboys heard that the prizes involved included a long distance phone call to any place in the United States, and steak dinners at Bellipani's Cafe, the vote was enthusiastic in the affirmative.

First prize in last Sunday's Quiz went to Pvt. David Goldberg, Co. C, 253d Inf. He put in a call immediately to his mother in Brooklyn. PFC James C. Wilson, Co. C, 254th Inf. and Pvt. Raymond Wait, Co. C, 253d Inf., tied for second place and each received certificates entitling them to steak dinners.

WASHINGTON SEES ARMY'S MIGHT IN BACK THE ATTACK BOND SHOW

WASHINGTON — America's might—its weapons and its soldiers—are being graphically displayed to the citizens of the Nation's capital these days as the Army puts on one of its biggest shows, the Back the Attack bond show, in the shadow of the state-of-the-art Washington Monument.

Seldom, if ever, has a branch of the United States' armed forces staged such an elaborate three-ringed circus of events for the men, women and children who are "paying the freight."

All Branches Contribute
All units of the Army have been contributors to the event. Tanks, jeeps, trucks, planes, cogs, mobile equipment, guns, soldier shows, movies, and even a full-size railroad are on display. Soldiers and WACs from all parts of the country are on hand to demonstrate, lecture and answer questions.

One of the most striking of the exhibits is that put on by the Medical Corps which demonstrates just what happens to a soldier after he is wounded. A "wounded" soldier lies in an imitation jungle while a company aid man binds up his bullet hole, stretcher bearers carry him back through each

step of medical care. A soldier carefully explains the various phases of the action.

More Than 50,000 See Show
It has been estimated that more than 50,000 persons have witnessed the exhibits each day as the 1,000 odd officers, men and women carry out their assignments. Children find particular joy in clamoring over tanks, jeeps and guns.

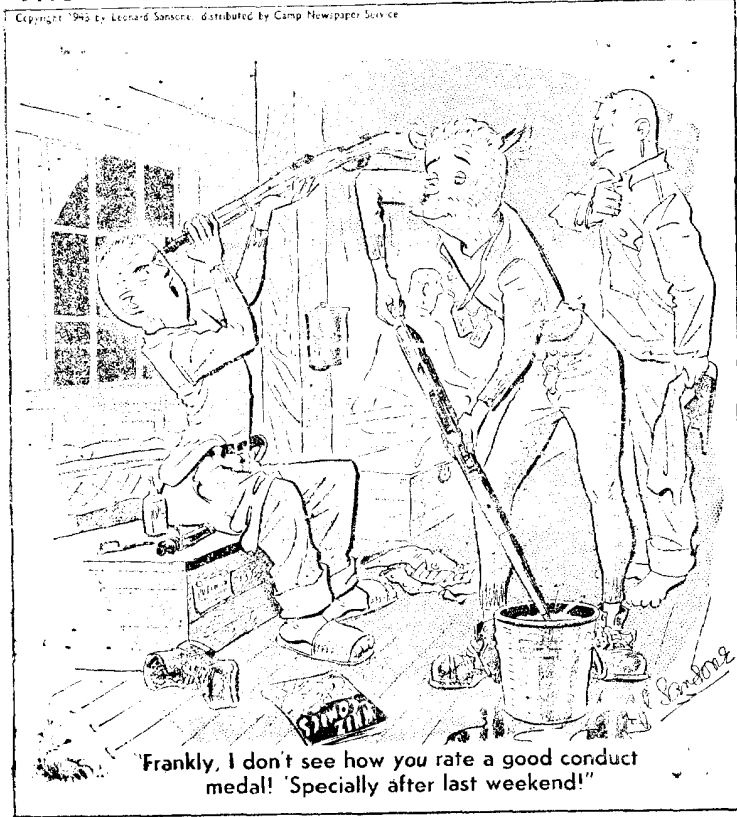
All features of the show are realistically demonstrated as jeeps, mobile costars, Signal and Medical Corps and MPs demonstrate their work. One of the most popular features is the performance of highly trained Army dogs.

Captured German and Jap planes come in for a great amount of attention from the public. These vie for popularity with a huge Liberator bomber which was trucked from the Ford Willow Run plant in sections and then divided into parts so that the public might view its intricate mechanisms.

The second night in Army numbers reveals the Service Command in which the soldier entered service.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Frankly, I don't see how you rate a good conduct medal! 'Specially after last weekend!

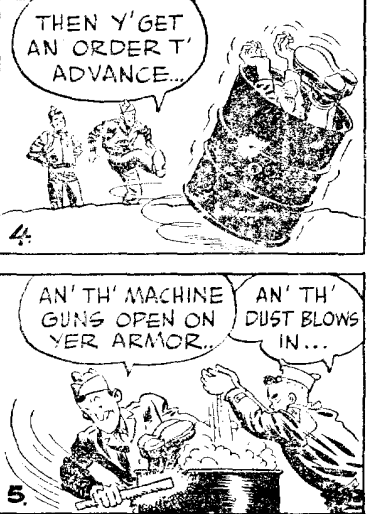
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 - Chapel No. 7, 1160.
 - Chapel No. 5, Vesper Service, 1800.
 - Chapel No. 10, Sacrament of Holy Communion, 1900.
- Roman Catholic Mass**
 - Chapels No. 5, 6, 7, 0800.
 - 255th Inf. Rec. Hall, Theater No. 1, 6900.
 - Chapel No. 7, 1900.
 - Theater No. 1, 1900.
 - Chapels No. 6 & 8, 1160.
- Evening Mass**
 - Chapel No. 5, Monday to Saturday, 1830.
 - Chapel No. 6, Monday to Saturday, 1815.
 - Chapel No. 7, Monday to Saturday, 1830.
 - Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830.
 - Confessions, all chapels, 1900-2100, Saturday.
- Jewish Services**
 - Chapel No. 1, Friday night, Conservative Service, 1930.
 - Chapel No. 1, Friday night, Orthodox Service, 2030.
- Christian Science Reading**
 - Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.

Male Call

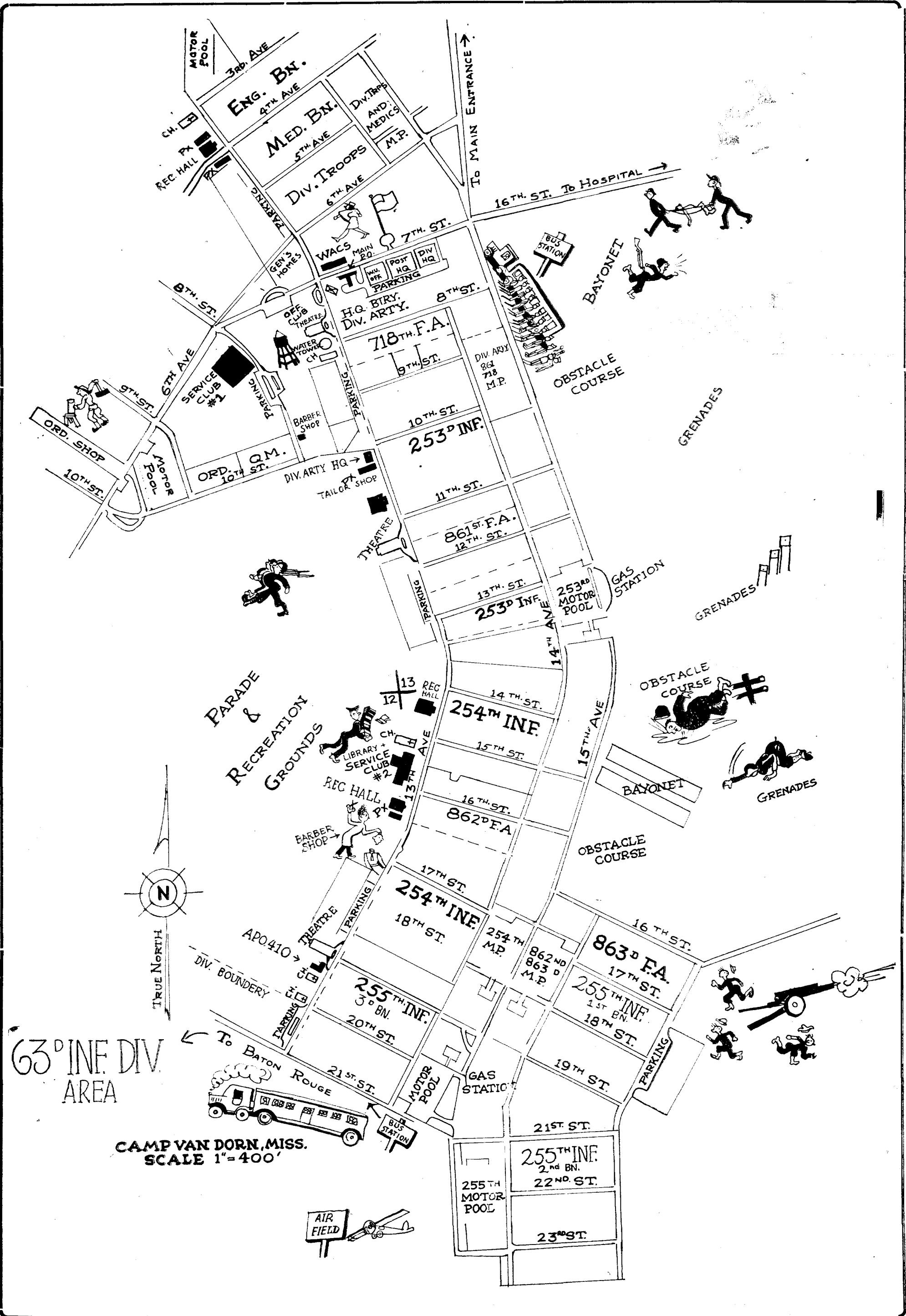


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Dim View





63rd INF. DIV. AREA

CAMP VAN DORN, MISS. SCALE 1"=400'

