

Regimental Command Changes Hands in 254th Infantry

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\$71½-Billion War Bill Passed

News From Your Own Home Town

Brooklyn, N. Y. (CNS)—Abram R. Morrell was dismissed from a murder jury when the defense attorney learned he was a salesman of tombstones and mausoleums.

Chicago (CNS) — Triethylene glycol is the name of a solution which will kill common cold germs when they are sprayed with it, according to claims. It has been developed by Dr. Oswald H. Robertson of Chicago University and kills pneumonia, flu, and strep germs as well. It has been turned over to the Army to see what else it will kill.

Denver, Col (CNS)—The first surprise trial blackout here was 20 minutes late because no one could find the key to the master siren.

Idaho Falls, Ida. (CNS)—Hired as sugar beet workers, several hundred Mexicans found snow on the ground when they arrived here. They promptly took off their shoes and went wading in snow drifts.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS)—Mrs. A. C. Stewart went into the kitchen to light the stove. Something hissed at her from the wastebasket and scared the hell out of her. Closer inspection disclosed two baby opossums in the basket.

Kansas City (CNS)—For years Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Diebold, who have three sons, have wanted a daughter. Recently they got their wish multiplied by three. Mrs. Diebold gave birth to triplets—all girls.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. B. J. Wharton kept a firm grip on her reluctant 11-year-old son Jerry until they reached the door of the dentist's office. Then Jerry broke and ran. He stayed away two days before he returned to his home.

Marshfield, Mass. (CNS) — For 20 years Dave Brown, town blacksmith, has been insisting that the automobile was just a passing fancy. Today Dave says his horse-shoeing business has reached an all time high.

Minneapolis (CNS)—Mrs. Margaret Miterko was talking on the telephone with her neighbor, Mrs. Gertrude Grochowski, "The children have just passed out," said Mrs. Miterko, "and I think I'm going to faint. Better come over." Mrs. Grochowski did — in time to save Mrs. Miterko and her two children from asphyxiation. The three had been overcome by gas leaking from a heater.

New York (CNS)—John Basile, a New Jersey farmer, has been arrested on a charge of performing an abortion in the kitchen of a Manhattan apartment house for \$60. A woman whose name was withheld by police identified him as the "Dr. Roman Basil" who performed the illegal operation.

Ogdensburg, N. Y. (CNS)—During a sleet storm last winter Penny, Mrs. William McGee's dog, brought home a wet and very chilly partridge. All winter long Penny shared her food with the bird. Last week Penny got a medal from the State Humane Society.

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Col. Baker Leaves 254th, Regiment Goes to Gordon

Change in command of the 254th Inf. Reg't. was announced by Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs at the opening of the 254th Inf. N. C. O. Club recently. Col. Paul T. Baker gave up command on orders of the medical department. Lt. Col. Randolph Gordon, former executive officer of the 255th Inf. was appointed by Gen. Hibbs to succeed Col. Baker. The command changed hands June 28.



Col. Baker

Due to an increasing arthritic condition Colonel Baker will go to the Lawton General Hospital in Atlanta for treatment.

The news was heard with sincere regret for in the short time he had been in command of the 254th Infantry, he had thoroughly gained the respect and confidence of his cadre. Each and every man in the regiment wishes him best of luck and best of health.

A veteran of overseas service during the last World War, Col. Baker has traveled extensively since then. He spent about three years in China and the Philippines in the early 30's and made a tour of northern Africa and southern Europe in 1938.

In the spring of 1942 he was assigned to the Services of Supply in the European Theatre of Operations and was sent to England where he remained until March of this year.

WAGON SOLDIERS DO O K ON RANGE

The boys in the 863d Field Artillery Battalion can afford to do a little gloating these days — and the boys in the Infantry Regiments had best sit up and take notice.

For firing the 1000-inch range with the .22 cal. rifles this past Monday, 13 out of 16 members of the "Wagon Soldiers" shot Expert, while the remaining three qualified as Sharpshooters.

Pretty good shooting in any man's language!

Soldier Writes Girl Every Week—In Braille

Camp Roberts, Cal. (CNS)—It takes Pvt. Albert H. Bommer eight hours to write a letter to his girl, Hazel White of Wonatchee, Wash. Hazel is blind and Bommer writes faithfully every weekend — in Braille.



Lt. Col. Gordon

Born in Forest City, Ia., on October 25, 1895, Col. Gordon claims Madisonville, Ky. as his home town. He studied law at the University of Michigan and had finished his junior year when he joined the Kentucky National Guard in June, 1916.

He saw his first service with the Guard, going to the Mexican border in 1916. In April, 1917, with the Guard, he was mustered into the Federal Service as a 2d lieutenant and served in that grade and as a 1st lieutenant in the 149th Inf.

Transferred to the 67th Inf. at Camp Sheridan, Ala. in September 1918, at the termination of the war he was commissioned a 1st lieutenant in the Regular Army. Subsequently he attended the Company Officers' School at Fort Benning, later serving with the 42d Inf. and the 20th Inf. Brigade in Panama from 1923 to 1926.

Returning to the States, the Colonel spent four years as an instructor with the New York National Guard, took the advanced course at the Infantry School, and served with the 23d Inf.

In 1934 he was assigned to organized reserve duty in Los Angeles and in 1939 became commanding officer of the Arizona CCC District. It was during this tour of duty that he was promoted to his present grade.

Following that, the Colonel became commanding officer of the station complement, Service Command, at Phoenix, Ariz. Prior to his arrival at Camp Blanding he was executive officer of the 405th Inf. at Camp Maxey, Tex.

On joining the 254th Inf., Col. Gordon stated, "I consider myself very fortunate in being assigned to this regiment. Having observed the outfit, I recognize the high morale and fine spirit which exists throughout the command and I'll give my best effort to continue the splendid progress made by Colonel Baker."

The Colonel is married. His wife at present resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

Legislation Provides For Huge Air Armada, All Branches of Army

CHOP-CHOP

Pvt. Chin Mow, cook for a Signal Company at Camp Blanding, received a present from admiring relatives the other day—a meat cleaver, hundreds of years old. On the sides of the wide blade are Chinese inscriptions cut deep into the metal.

Chin Mow says it comes in handy around the kitchen and if he ever gets near enough to a Jap—"I'll mow 'em down!"

BROTHERS OF HERO SOLIDER IN ENGR BN.

Brothers of the first American Paratrooper to be killed in action, Pvts. Gerald and Robert Mackall have been assigned to the 263d Engineer Bn.

Their brother, Pvt. John Thomas Mackall was wounded November 8, 1942 in the Battle of Oran when the plane in which he was flying was attacked by an enemy plane. Pvt. Mackall lay critically wounded with a stomach injury for seventeen hours while the remainder of his Company was accomplishing its mission. He was then taken to a base hospital at Gibraltar and died four days later.

Private Mackall was posthumously cited by the President and on May 1, 1943, Camp Mackall, North Carolina, was dedicated and named in his honor.

His mother was present at the ceremony and expressed the wish that her other two sons, Robert and Gerald, be assigned to ground troops rather than the Airborne Engineers. Her request was granted and her sons were transferred to the 263d Engineer Battalion of the 63d Infantry Division.

Gerald was first assigned to basic training in the Quartermasters at Camp Young, California and his brother, Robert started his basic at the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. Later they were both transferred to the Airborne Engineers at Camp Mackall, North Carolina and from there to Camp Blanding.

The Mackall brothers are natives of Wellsville, Ohio and were graduated from high school there. They were both employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad before their induction on March 5, 1943.

Public Address System Entertains Iceland Troops

Iceland (CNS)—Sgt. Vale Mallick and Cpl. George Paine have built their own public address system here. They built it of discarded wire, a repaired microphone and a homemade phonograph. And now they've planted loudspeakers in two thirds of their signal unit's barracks and run programs all day long.

Army, Navy Recommend Higher Allotments For Kin of Service Men

Clearing both houses decisively, the mammoth \$71,510,438,873 war bill which will be used to run the Army and War Department this coming fiscal year has received its official blessing with only minor adjustments remaining to be made in the Army appropriation.

Termining cost of the present war as "frightful," Congressmen pointed out that this bill, making appropriations for one year, carries more than three times the total outlay of the War Department during World War I.

All told the funds provide \$59,000,000,000 in new appropriations and reappropriations totaling \$12,000,000,000. Of this amount, the air corps fund will provide a fighting air force of 273 groups, 3,000,000 ground troops, 36,000 bombers, 38,000 fighters, 12,000 transports and 9,000 training planes, with spare engines and parts to keep them in action. At the same time some 300,000 technicians, 80,000 pilots, 12,000 bombardiers and 18,000 navigators will be trained according to budget estimates.

In addition maintenance is guaranteed for more than 900 airfields, 4,500 Army posts and 700,000 hospital beds and interment camps for 350,000 prisoners of war.

Among deletions made were \$125,000 for an art project by soldier-artists to depict battle scenes and a ten percent reduction in the request of \$800,000,000 for "travel of the Army."

While the War Department appropriations bill was under consideration, the Senate passed and sent to the White House for signature the largest naval appropriations bill in history—\$27,600,000,000.

Meanwhile higher allowances for dependent children of men in the lower ranks of the armed forces were recommended to Congress by the Army and Navy. Under the proposed set-up, a wife with one child would get \$68 a month, a six-dollar increase over the present amount, with \$11 a month for each additional child, instead of \$10.

An enlisted man's wife without children would continue to receive \$50, of which the Government contributes \$28 and the soldier \$22. The Government bears all cost of allowances for children.

On recommendation of the joint committee, the measure also provided that the upper three grades of Army sergeants and those of similar ranks in other services could choose whether they wished their dependents to receive the family allowances or the \$37.50 a month which now is paid if they are not furnished quarters.

The recommendations were quickly incorporated into identical bills offered by Chairman Reynolds (D. NC) of the Military Affairs Committee and Senator Levere (R. Mass.).

A previously proposed blanket

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263rd ENGINEER BATTALION CAN FIGHT AS WELL AS BUILD

"The 263d Engineer Battalion is a diamond of many facets," to quote the Division Commander, Gen. Hibbs. Looking over their record and responsibilities, such a remark is easy to understand.

The Engineers are extremely proud of the fact that they are fighters as well as builders. When working in the field they are responsible for the protection of their own working parties—an undertaking which requires about one third of their forces. A variety of weapons are assigned to them for this purpose.

It is their job to furnish the Division with all engineering material too, but as Lt. Colonel Jack L. Coan, Engineer Battalion Commander says, "We've been called upon to furnish everything from rifle training aids to brushes for cleaning flues."

If there is need for skilled supervision in the planning and execution of special construction work, the engineers are called in. Recently they conducted a demolition school for the Ammunition and Pioneer platoons of the Infantry battalions and for some Field Artillery units. The training covered the planting and detection of mine fields, laying of barbed wire and the use of booby traps and explosives.

More recently still they were called upon to add to and improve camouflage of the Division area. Now they're in the process of making a blitz, or combat reaction course for the Division. The engineers were also responsible for the distribution of various maps supplied to the units of the Division, and the making and painting of the signs that have been hung in front of the headquarters buildings throughout the Division.

As far as possible their fillers will be men with previous drafting, construction and surveying experience. Their basic training is similar to that of the Infantry soldier but is followed by a concentrated course in tactical and technical engineering.

On maneuvers or in the field of battle, the Engineers are responsible for the water supply of the

Division. Also, a completely motorized unit, their vehicles are often called upon to help move the Infantry troops.

In the field they are generally broken up. As the Division functions in combat teams, one platoon of their three line companies is assigned to each Infantry regiment. That unit is then responsible for all demolition work, laying and detection of mine fields, and the establishment of dumps of vital engineering materials such as barbed wire, pickets, sand bags, bridge timbers, metal and explosives.

As S. O. P. the Engineers also maintain roads, build and strengthen bridges, lay ponton and foot bridges and operate ferries wherever necessary.

Indicative of the fact that they themselves seldom have a chance to use what they build, is the comment of a sergeant with the Engineers in Africa.

"Hell no! We ain't slept in a building since we left the States. We build 'em, we don't use 'em."

"Boiled down," Colonel Coan remarked, "the only excuse for the existence of the Engineer Battalion is to assist in every way possible the movement of the Division and to retard in every way possible the movement of the enemy."

He Wouldn't

A trainee was on his way out to Camp Blanding's jungle course the other day when he came upon an MP at a road intersection. The MP was resplendent in his new summer uniform, snow white pith helmet, starched khaki—the works. "Dr. Livingston, I presume," said the trainee. "I don't get it," the MP said.

Officers, Cadre, Scrub, Mop 718th To Victory

Mess hall inspections can be dull routine affairs, but sometimes the results are indicative of great effort and pride on the part of the personnel involved.

Having ended in second place among the battalions of Division Artillery during the week ending June 19th, the 718th F. A. Bn. cadre and officers pitched in with a vengeance to alter the state of affairs. Brushes and mops flew, words were said, the midnight oil burned low, but when drowsy heads were laid to rest on or about 0200, June 26th, it could be said that the job begun ended well done.

The score of the following day's inspection gave 89 points to the 718th—a clean sweep over all rivals with a twelve point margin between it and the closest competitor. Battery "B" drew top honors for the best mess hall of the week.

Snafu, The Battle Axe, And The Dainty Dish

—In Which Yardbird Snafu Explains Range Procedure To The Battle-axe, The Dish, And The LASSES.

"This," said the Yardbird to M/Sgt. John H. McAvoey, "is more than a man can stand. I am being forced—forced, mind you—over the hill. Enough, as we say in Brooklyn, is too much."

Sgt. McAvoey looked commiseratingly at Snafu, but said nothing.

Snafu drummed his fingers on the table a minute. "I ast you," he said, "when the WAACs come into Camp, who covered the story? Not me. When the WAVES visited the Camp, did I cover the story? No. And when the SPARS and the WOVES came around who got the assignment? Me? No!"

"I repeat," the Yardbird said disconsolately, "I am being forced over the hill."

Just then the Editor stuck his head out of the door of his office, "Snafu," he said, "Commere!"

"Yardbird Snafu," said the Editor when they were both back in the office, "I am aware that you have not been happy over recent assignments given to workers on this paper. I am therefore giving you a very fine assignment that has just come up. We are being honored this afternoon by a visit from the LASSES."

"Hot diggety," chortled Snafu.

"Who are they?" "The LASSES," said the Editor, gazing out of the window, "are the Ladies' Aid to Soldiers Society."

"Law lumme!" said the startled Snafu, "I do not wish to be disrespectful, but I did not jern this here Army to take care of aged or even middle-aged women. I per-test. I will not do it."

The Editor fixed him with his (the Editor's) eagle eye.

At two o'clock sharp the Yardbird stood in the bus terminal watching the LASSES clamber off the bus. He went forward and made a gallant bow, sweeping his cap off at the same time. "Yardbird Snafu, at yer soivice, Ladies," he said.

"How lovely of the Army to have met us here," said the leader of the group, a battle-axe who looked as though she'd been through three wars.

Snafu looked around at the group. Suddenly he spied a very cute little chicken among them. A really dainty dish. He felt better.

"Where shall we go first?" the Battle-axe inquired of Snafu.

"Howabout the range?" the Yardbird suggested.

"Lovely," said the Battle-axe. "I've always wanted to see an I. G. kitchen."

"You mean G. I., don't you, Auntie?" said the Dainty Dish.

"And it ain't no kitchen—it's a firing range where you shoot wit' a gun." The Yardbird illustrated his meaning by raising his arms into a simulated firing position and going, "Bang, bang!"

A few minutes later found Sna-



fu at the wheel of a jeep with the Dainty Dish beside him. He drove fast around the curves so the Dainty Dish would have to lean over toward him.

"Is a Yardbird a very high rank?" the Dish asked.

"It's the next step above a second looey," the Yardbird answered nonchalantly.

"How wonderful," the Dish said, her warm eyes admiring Snafu.

At length they came to the range. The Battle-axe looked over the situation.

"What are those men over there doing," she said, indicating some men with a sweep of her hand.

"Oh," Snafu said carelessly, "they're just sweating it out on the dry line. Dry runs. Practising, y'know."

"And how do they eat out here," inquired the Battle-axe.

"Oh," said the Yardbird, "Chow is solved right on the field."

"Chow," exclaimed the Battle-axe, "My goodness! Do they eat dogs in the Army?"

"Chow is food, Auntie," said the Dish. Snafu looked at her affectionately.

The ladies looked around a bit more.

"What is that red flag they're bringing down over there?" the Battle-axe asked.

The Yardbird yawned. "Oh, they're just pulling down Maggie's drawers."

The Battle-axe reared up haughtily. "I beg your pardon," she said.

"Fergit it," said Snafu.

254th INFANTRY OPENS NCO CLUB

Brig. Gen. Hibbs and Assistant Division Commander Col. Harris were among special guests present as the 254th Infantry Regiment celebrated the official opening of its new NCO Club Friday night.

Under the supervision of Lt. Col. John E. Evans, commander of the 2d Battalion, the club is headed by a board composed of M/Sgt. Allen H. Pearsall, president; 1st Sgt. Clifford J. McGovern, vice-president and M/Sgt. Vernon J. Kile, secretary-treasurer.

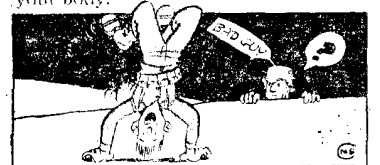
Members of the board of governors include S/Sgt. George R. Holcomb, Jr., 1st Bn.; S/Sgt. John J. Agogino, 2d Bn.; 1st Sgt. Vester L. Goolsby, 3d Bn. and 1st Sgt. Frank W. Jones, 4th Bn.

With actual plans for the opening of the club formed only a month ago, members of the 254th cadre spared no efforts in whipping the new organization into shape, their idea getting full cooperation from the Regimental Staff.

Highlight of opening night was an open air concert given by the Division Band.



WHEN SLEEPING IN the field without a cot, spread your raincoat over your improvised bed. This will prevent the ground dampness from chilling your body.



AVOID ALL UNNECESSARY movement while observing. It may disclose your position to the enemy.



Certainly I said I could go for any guy in a uniform, but this is ridiculous!

2 Officers Of 254th Become U. S. Citizens

"Uncle Sam" has two new citizens in the 254th Infantry Regiment. They are Second Lieutenants Frank A. Woods and Meyer Carr, both naturalized Friday, June 25, in Ocala District Court.

"Are we proud to be legalized Americans? Well, the records speak for themselves," declared the two officers smilingly. They tightly clutched the papers which declared them citizens.

Both were born in Canada, coming to the United States in later life. Both think it's the greatest country in the world.

Lt. Woods resides at 765 Bedford Road, Detroit, Mich. He was born in Toronto and attended high school there, later attending Wayne University in Detroit for a year where he majored in journalism. He is a tennis and swimming enthusiast.

Lt. Carr graduated from Hamilton, Ont. High School and then took extension courses at Columbia University, New York City. He was employed by the American Safety Razor Corp., Brooklyn,

N. Y., before entering the Army. He is a proficient linguist.

Both officers are unmarried. Both are graduates of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

New Kit Helps Fliers In Self First Aid

London (CNS)—A new small, blast-proof, non-inflammable first-aid kit is being supplied fliers in the RAF, making it possible for an airman to treat his wounds while descending by parachute from an abandoned plane.

The kit contains a pair of sterile gloves, morphine, cream for burns, bandage and one safety pin.

Sailors Rescue Child From Zoo Bear Pit

San Diego, Cal. (CNS)—Two sailors, W. H. Fields and Leon Chriskrutz, climbed into a zoo bear pit and rescued Joyce Howlett, 13, who was being clawed by three Malayan bears. Joyce must have climbed over a fence and leaped a moat to get in the pit, said zoo attendants.

The Wolf by Sansone



"I think we'd better just hold hands!"

Cpl. Del Casino Ex - 'Song Plugger'

A native New Yorker and extremely proud of it—proud as only Brooklynites can be—is Corporal Vincent M. Del Casino of Company "C", 254th Inf., former "song plugger" extraordinary.

It was shortly after graduation from the Alexander Hamilton High School of Commerce in Brooklyn that he secured a job as messenger with the music publishing firm, Famous Music Inc., an affiliate of Paramount Pictures and it was from this position that he rose to "contact man" or, as he prefers to term it, "song plugger".

In this job "Del", as the men of his company have dubbed him, came in contact with such stars as Frank Sinatra, Doris Rhodes, "Baby" Rose Marie (who today is known as Miss Rose Marie), Barry Wood and such well known orchestra leaders as Mark Warnow, Raymond Scott and Carmen Cavallaro.

"It was there that I not only had some unforgettable and happy times, but the varied experience in dealing with these personalities did much to mold my own character," Del Casino says.

But came the "music war" between A.S.C.A.P and the Radio Networks and with business in tin pan alley practically at a standstill, "Del" found himself looking for another job. After a few months of having doors slammed in his face, he finally landed a job with Charles Pfizer & Company, manufacturing chemists.

He misses his old job even now, but at the moment his two major ambitions are far from that field. First, he wants to see the war over and done with—and have a hand in winning it; secondly, he has a certain little "red-head" back in Brooklyn he soon hopes and intends to make Mrs. Del Casino.

Portable Hangars Developed by Army

Washington (CNS) — The Air Forces and the Engineers have developed portable, easily camouflaged hangars that may be flown to front line airports by airplane. The hangars are made of completely fabricated sections of fire resistant canvas and may be set up in 12 to 18 hours.

Pen Fixer Does Bit

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—Emerson McCord, a fountain pen repairman, gives reconditioned pens to soldiers at Ellington Field near here so they can write home more often. He will repair any pens sent to him and turn them over to the Army for distribution to soldiers.

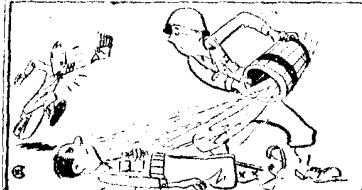
Hey! Cadre

A dance honoring the cadremen of the 63d Division will be given by the Starke U. S. O. on July 21, the Special Service Office announced this week.

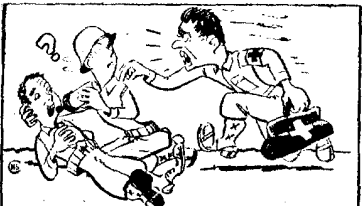
This will be the first dance given specifically for the 63d. The girls will be drawn from Gainesville, Starke, and other nearby communities. Music will be furnished by the 63d Division Orchestra.

The Special Service Office urges all men of the Division to attend.

Life Savers

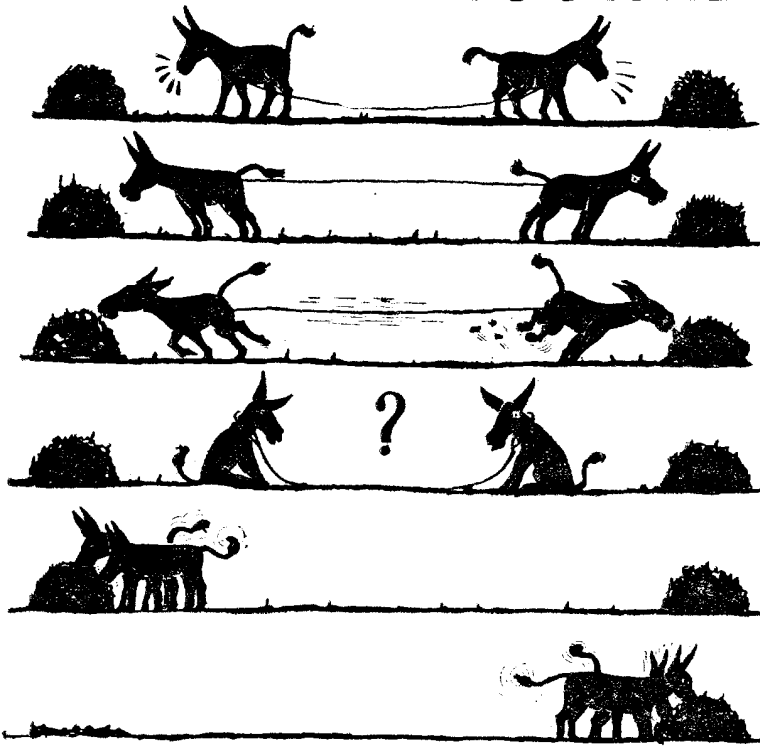


Don't try to revive an unconscious wounded man. Keep him quiet, stop his bleeding, and keep him warm.



Liquids should never be poured into a wounded man's mouth if he is unconscious as they may choke him.

TEAMWORK IS PULLING TOGETHER



ARMY PEREGRINATIONS OLD STUFF TO HIM SAYS MEDICAL CHIEF



Lt. Col. Guiteras

"The peregrinations required by an Army career are not exactly new to me," said Lt. Col. George G. Guiteras of the 363d Medical Battalion said. "It would be more of a novelty to me to be able to settle in one place for a short time. My father was in the Public Health Service and as far back as I can remember he was constantly moving us from place to place."

Born in Cairo, Illinois, he says he spent more time in Florida, Texas and Alabama than any other state. Colonel Guiteras studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1931. Following that he spent a year and seven months on internship in the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Entering the Army by examination in December of 1932, he was first assigned to the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington and later to the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

His first permanent station was

Fort Jay, N. Y., from whence in 1938 he was sent to Fort Sherman in the Canal Zone. Two years he spent there were uneventful except for a number of malaria cases.

Returning in 1940, Col. Guiteras was attached to the station hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., remaining for two years, and was then transferred to Camp Berkeley, Cal.

He says he appreciates his old state of Florida, after the dust and heat of Texas as it gives him a chance to indulge in his favorite sport of swimming. So far, his hobby, photography, has been neglected, due to lack of time.

"The health of the men in the 83d Division is fine," the Colonel stated. "We have had a few cases of heat exhaustion but due to the change in climate, that is natural. As for knowing what to expect later though, that's impossible, because the cadre contains too small a group to be used as an indicator."

Lacasse, Ace Ski-Jumper Competed Against Tokle

Rough Barrel Staves Were His First Skis

He flies through the air with the greatest of ease—only T/4 Francis J. Lacasse of Company "D", 254th Infantry uses skis and not a trapeze.

A native of one of the ski sections of the country, New Hampshire, Sgt. Lacasse makes no bones about loving the sport. In fact, his ambition in the Army is to get a transfer "by hook or by crook," to the Ski-Troopers.

He first started on a pair of rough, homemade skis made of barrel staves. Undaunted by their eccentricities, he used them until he finally received a pair of the real McCoys from his parents.

His first jump was to him the most memorable. At the time the local high school team was holding a regular meet. Not allowed to compete legitimately because he was too young, he took the matter in his own hands and made for the top of the jump. One look from there and he changed his mind, quickly returning to the foot of the jump. Having a certain amount of curiosity and plenty of youthful bravado he decided that if the others could do it he could too. Returning to the top again, and without looking down, he set off. He says that his family was properly sore for quite a while afterwards.

Practicing earnestly on the snow-covered slopes of the New Hampshire mountains, he soon ended up with a Class "B" rating. While in the Lebanon, N. H., High School, their skiing team, coached by a Norwegian instructor, won the state championship successively for three years. Later Sgt. Lacasse was sent by the school as their representative to an inter-scholastic meet at Lake Placid, N. Y.

Soon he entered college meets and later was asked to join the United States Amateur Ski Association, of which he has been a member for the past six years.

Sgt. Lacasse has entered inter-scholastic championship meets in several states, making a triple jump at the University of New Hampshire and several double jumps on longer hills. At various other times he entered meets at Dartmouth, Andover and the ski club at Berlin, N. H. He made his record jump of 186 feet at Bear Mountain, N. Y. That jump would have been topped by another of 202 feet but "by accident," he says, "my landing didn't turn out right."

His enthusiasm for the sport even led him to teaching it to his wife, the former Anita Thibedeau of Lebanon, N. H. Now he says the only thing he fears is that she is going to turn in a better record than he.

Even though he admits he gets



Sgt. Lacasse

a great thrill out of jumping—watching the tops of the trees whiz by and feeling the ground rushing up—he says one of his most exciting moments was when he met Torger Tokle, the famous Norwegian skier.

"It's one of the grandest and cleanest sports I know," Sgt. Lacasse said. "And from experience I know that one doesn't have to be born on skis to be an expert. Anyone can learn very easily if he is willing to undergo the training and exercise, and has confidence in himself."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious Services for Sunday, July 4

General Protestant Services
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 1000
Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 1000

Chapel No. 21, 263d Inf. 1030
Chapel No. 4, 363d Med. Bn. 0800
263d Engr. and 63d QM Co. 0800

Chapel No. 5, Div. Artillery 0900
Chapel No. 5, Div. Artillery 1000

Roman Catholic Services: Mass
Chapel No. 4, 363d Med. Bn. 0800
263d Engr. and 63d QM Co. 0800

Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 0800
Chapel No. 19, 255th Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 21, 253d Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 20, 254th Inf. 0900
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 0900

Chapel No. 6, Div. Artillery 0900
Chapel No. 18, Div. Hq. & Sp. Tr. 1100

Chapel No. 4, Sunday Christian Science Service 1100

Weekday Religious Services
Roman Catholic: Morning Mass: 0600—Monday to Saturday; Chapel No. 21.
Evening Mass: 1830—Monday, Tuesday and Friday; Chapel No. 18.
Confessions: 1600-1700—Saturday.
Chapel No. 21.
1900-2000—Saturday. Chapels (alt):

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The Wolf

by Sansone



"Why do you always drop in so late!"

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EDITORIAL

"We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...."

How often have we not heard these words. They are among our earliest school remembrances. They have been uttered by our greatest statesmen. They have been on the mouth of every penny ante politician. And yet, these great words have never become hackneyed. Constant repetition has not dulled them. They are as alive today as when the ink in which they were written was yet moist.

The Declaration of Independence was published to the world 167 years ago. That is a long time. It is a sufficient length of time to have forgotten the bold meanings of the Declaration of Independence.

That we have not forgotten the meanings of those famous words we are proving on the battlefields of the world. With the blood of our men and women, we today are underscoring in red the words of our forebears.

The Babe Strikes Out

For a man who is justly credited with having saved baseball at a time the diamond game was in the depth of despair, George Herman "Babe" Ruth is viewing its wartime continuance with a pessimism strangely unfamiliar to the former "Sultan of Swat."

It was Ruth, you know, who late last week made the statement that it was his belief Major League baseball would be unable to stand the rigors of this war year—that financial reverses and a growing manpower shortage would force the magnates to throw in the towel before the present campaign's official finish had been reached—or at the most be unable to answer the bell in 1944.

We may be wrong, but we think Ruth is showing premature and undue alarm. We think baseball can and will survive.

True, owners are being hard-hit by demands of Selective Service and their big stars of yesterday are soldiers and sailors; marines and coast guardsmen today. But in our opinion there always will be enough 4F's and married men left to assure magnates of a pretty good ball club—possibly not a club to compare with the Yankees in the hey-day of Ruth, himself—but a ball club capable of giving the home folks a pretty good afternoon's entertainment. That's all your average Gus Q. Fan asks.

In some cases the clubs may be suffering financial reverses, but all in all we don't believe things are as bad as the "Babe" would have us believe. Certainly the Phillies are financially more sound today than they were a year ago; likewise Boston's revived Braves seem to be doing o. k. at the box office. And how about Washington? New York and Chicago in the National League may not be doing as well as in years past, but surely Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and St. Louis are doing alright, and St. Louis are doing all right.

The same might be said in the Junior Circuit, where Philadelphia and the Browns are the "weak sisters" to date, but Cleveland, Boston, New York, Chicago and Detroit continue to draw pretty good houses.

No, "Babe", we don't agree with you. With the magnates staying in there and showing a little fight we believe good old American baseball is going to be in there pitching today, tomorrow and a year from now.



News From Here and There

Combat Gunner Retired At Ripe Old Age of 16

North Africa (CNS) — S/Sgt. Clifford R. Wherley of Elmwood, Ill.—turret gunner of a Martin Marauder with more than 100 combat hours to his credit—is retiring from the war. Four times decorated, Wherley is being sent back home by parental request. He's only 16.

Sisters Wed to Twins In Double Ceremony

Camp Blanding, Fla. (CNS) — Two sisters, Catherine and Hilda Malcolm, were married here recently to twin brothers, PFC Herman Chandler and Pvt. Hiram Chandler. Both are members of a Quartermaster laundry battalion here.

AND SERVE SAME NATION

Panama City (CNS)—Pvt. Warren J. LeBlanc bumped into Pvt. Guy J. Albanese on the street here the other day. They struck up an acquaintance and discovered—among other things—that they lived next door to each other in South Medford, Mass., worked next door to each other in Boston, had been inducted at Ft. Devens the same day, had been shipped to Panama on the same transport and went out with the same girl friend here.

Dependency Allotments Urged Before 'Going Over'

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Soldiers have been urged to submit authorizations for allotments of pay before leaving the United States, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the Office of Dependency Benefits, here.

"Individual authorizations for allotments of pay may be made by radiogram from overseas, however they must be confirmed by the regular authorization form by mail," said Gen. Gilbert. "Army men are urged to submit their authorizations before leaving to avoid the delays incident to transmitting and processing those sent in from overseas."

Yank Makes Jap Face, So Nips Don't Shoot Him

Guadalcanal (CNS) — Hanging helplessly from the end of his parachute, Lt. Henry Matson of Perry, N. Y., saved himself from Jap attack by giving a realistic imitation of a Nip flier.

The Japs shot his plane down and when he jumped they dived at him, but Matson screwed his face up to make it look like he had buck teeth and grinned at them. They evidently assumed he was a Jap for they flew away and left him.

GI Falls Out of Plane, Parachutes to Safety

Brookley Field, Ala. (CNS) — When Lt. C. W. Geldbaugh landed his Army dive bomber here the other day after a routine flight from St. Louis, he was flabbergasted to find no one occupying the rear gunner's seat in the plane.

Cpl. Lester Kennison had been sitting there when the bomber left St. Louis.

Cpl. Kennison, it developed, had fallen out of the plane during a bank 8,000 feet over Waynesboro, Miss. and then had parachuted to safety. He was unhurt save for scratches.

Proposal, For All World To Hear, Wins 'Yes'

Camp Grant, Ill. (CNS)—"Helen darling, I love you," said Pvt. Joseph Moscar in a soldiers' hour radio broadcast here. His girl friend, Helen Barus of Milltown, N. J. was listening. The wedding will be during Joe's next furlough.

Ration Weary WAAC Gets the Points

Camp Blanding, Fla. (CNS)—Rhea M. Fife grew weary of the rationing problems of civilian life so she joined the WAAC. After her basic training Aux. Fife was assigned to this Post. Her job: figuring out ration points for military personnel.

Triplets Join Navy On 17th Birthday

Pittsburgh (CNS)—The Guenther triplets—Robert, Marvin and James—enlisted in the Navy on their 17th birthday. They had tried to enlist last year on their 16th birthday but were turned down.

ARCHERY AMUSES SOLDIERS

Camp Polk, La. (CNS)—Archery equipment has been added to the recreation facilities of an Armored Force division here. Shooting of bows and arrows is done primarily to give the soldiers some fun, but the possibility of emergency use is considered also.

ICE SKATER CLEANS ICE BOXES

Ft. Dix, N. J. (CNS) — Pvt. Lloyd Baxter, former ice skating star, wondered what the Army would give him to do. He didn't have to wonder long. The day after he was inducted he was put to work cleaning out an ice box.

The Sky Pilot Says it.

By LEONARD W. BOYNTON, Captain
253d Inf., Chaplain

Some months ago, Eddie Cantor, at the close of his radio program, told of a very interesting and significant personal experience. It is helpful to reflect upon Mr. Cantor's experience.

He told of being on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles during a very disturbing windstorm. He ran for cover as the gale swept down. After several minutes he realized that he had taken refuge in the doorway of a church. This set him to thinking. Listen to his reflections. "The world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go for it than to church. You know, the church must be a very strong and righteous thing—for it has survived every enemy it ever had. And the Book which embodies the principles of the Church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best-selling list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church—whatever your race or creed. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here! Go to church!"

High ideals motivate us in our training to prepare ourselves to do a tremendous job. Among those high ideals is this one: Freedom of Worship. We would fight for it, even die for it if need be, so precious is this freedom. When the forces of barbaric evil and tyranny threaten that freedom, we rise up in righteous indignation and protest; we protest with our very lives. Our protest, our offensive against tyrannical barbarism which would destroy this freedom is rendered more vigorous, more effective in the strength and by the guidance of that One whom we meet and know in worship.

In order to be our best, we must keep alive within us all that is best. In worship the fires of the best are fanned into brilliant and illuminating flame.

G.I. JINGLES

Hero of World War II

Andrew Jackson Robert E. Lee
Was assigned in the regiment to Company "C."
No better soldier, they said, could there be
Than Andrew Jackson Robert E. Lee.

Now it happened that A. J. R. E. Lee
Was much addicted to K. P.
In fact, in the whole of Company "C"
There wasn't a better K. P. than Lee.

And in the latrine, this guy named Lee
Made a name for himself as orderly.
He scrubbed the latrine to such a degree,
That it was the best in the Company.

Andrew Jackson Robert E. Lee
Despite his good work while on K. P.,
Despite his fine record as orderly,
Wasn't much in the field, you see.

So they left him scrubbing merrily;
Little afraid of pots was he;
Proud to be a latrine orderly
Was Andrew Jackson Robert E. Lee.

I Love A Parade

A soldier lives in a khaki tent
For which the smarty pays no rent.
His shoes he gets in a G.I. nook
Which requires of him no ration book.

His exercises come to him
Without benefit of a costly gym.
And when he wants to see a show
He looks up what's doing at the U.S.O.

And if perchance he ever gets sick
He's got the nation's medical pick.
And when it comes to eat—
Army chow just can't be beat.

It is so wonderful in the Army,
Nothing good is ever missed
Of my draft board I'll inquire
How can I enlist?

"Can a woman keep a secret?"

"You bet your life! My wife and I were engaged for 3 months before I knew anything about it."

"What in the world is that ugly insignia on that bomber?"

"Sh-h-h! That's the commanding officer looking out!"

Rooky: "Do I get any choice of food here in camp?"

Mess Sergeant: "Sure do, buddy! Either you eat it or you don't."

71½ - Billion

Continued From Page One

15-percent raise in Government contributions for all dependency classifications had been made by Senator Lodge. However, a joint committee of Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard experts recommended varying increases and the payment by the Government of all of the amount of the first month's allowance immediately following induction of a man into the armed forces.

Chairman Johnson (D. Colo.) said this alone would cost the Government an additional \$104,000,000 yearly. He declared that this and other changes would increase the total Government outlay \$393,000,000 yearly. This amount, however, takes into account the estimated increases in armed force personnel.

Chairman Johnson stated the legislation sought creation of a new classification for mothers or fathers who receive their chief support from sons in the armed forces, making available to them a payment totaling \$50 monthly for one, or \$68 for both if both are living and dependent.

The Inquiring Line

Q. I'd like to be transferred to the parachute troops. What are the necessary qualifications and requirements?

A. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 32 inclusive. Weight may vary with height but no soldier weighing over 185 pounds is accepted. Maximum height is 72 inches. Distance vision uncorrected must be 20/40 each eye, or better. In addition the applicants must have steady nerves, be alert, active and dependable. Your transfer is handled in accordance with existing Regulations, specifically AR 615-200—convenience of the Government and the good of the service being the deciding factors.

Q. My mother died when I was 11 and I was raised by my foster parents. Are they entitled to receive a dependency allowance from the Government even though they aren't my real parents?

A. Yes, if they can show that they are dependent upon you for a substantial portion of their support. Proof must also be submitted showing your relationship to them, such as a certificate from the clerk of the court which legalized the adoption or a certified copy of the order of adoption from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Occupational Deferment Costs Dough—Aids G. I.

Camp Grant, Ill. (CNS) — A year and a half ago Edgar Volk and Herman Jander of Columbus, O., agreed that the first one in the Army would receive a dollar a week from the other. Volk has been stationed here 75 weeks and he's received \$75 from Jander who has an occupational deferment.

Terpsichorean Note

Officers of the Division who have been afraid of getting rusty in their dancing will have an opportunity to practice a bit, it was made known this week. The Junior Woman's Club of Starke will hold a dance in the Starke U. S. O. on July 21. Further information regarding the dance will be released in the next issue of BLOOD AND FIRE.

What's Cookin'?

Boys in the 1st Bn. of the 253d Inf. are getting a lot of laughs out of a notice posted on one of the company bulletin boards . . . It reads: "All men will stay out of the Orderly Room and refrain from drinking the Company Commander's ice water." . . . Wagon soldier turned Doughboy is S/Sgt. "Mike" Hucal of Co. L, 255th Infantry . . . Sgt. Hucal started his Army career as a member of the Field Artillery, but eventually transferred into Infantry . . . Page Mr. Ripley! . . . S/Sgt. Joseph R. Bustos of Co. C, 255th Inf. is a former interpreter, having been employed in that capacity in Monte Ray, N. M. from 1923 to 1926 . . . Sgt. George L. Chelekis of the same organization and a life guard at the camp beach, is credited with having saved a girl from drowning at Enfield Beach, N. Y. . . .

S/Sgt. Morris J. Rothstein of 763d Ordnance is receiving congratulations on his recent marriage . . . The little lady is the former Sue Heinz of Maryland . . . S/Sgt. Bohenko of Co. F, 255th, is doing some tall thinking these days . . . The reason: Some "kindly" soul has informed him that the Navy is constructing a new base in his sweetheart's hometown . . . Members of 763d Ordnance have donated their simulated "weekly bottle of bourbon" to Mess Sgt. Stewartson "for those delicious ham and eggs they are going to have some day." . . . Lt. Richard G. "Dick" Cox, S-2 of the 253d Inf., is a former member of Louisville's American Association Colonels, patrolling the outfield for Bruce Dudley's Kentuckians prior to his induction into the armed forces.

SGT. OKONSKI GETS AROUND

The little men who work for Tojo are going to receive quite a shock when it comes time to check up on "Pvt." Jerome E. Okonski, "a prisoner of the Japs," because said Jerome Okonski is right here in Camp Blanding where he is a member of the 63d Reconnaissance Troops.

The mixup involving Okonski occurred recently when the "Toledo Blade," his hometown newspaper, released the story that Okonski, "a son of Casper Okonski, 828 Brown Ave., (that city), was reported to be in a Japanese prison camp." It added that he had a brother, Harry, 19, reported missing at Bataan almost a year ago and a brother, Carl, who is at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The "Blade" also carried a picture of the same Okonski now stationed here in Florida.

Outside of the fact that Okonski is safe and sound here in Florida, the only things unauthentic about the story were that Jerome is a Technical Sergeant, not a private; he has no middle name, his father's name is Michael and he has no brothers. Come to think of it, fellers, where's the story?

Flying Tiger Grease Monkey Sprouts Wings

Coffeyville, Kan. (CNS)—When Gen. Claire Chennault's famed Flying Tigers were blasting the Japs out of the skies over China Edward H. Seavey was ground crew member. Now Seavey is taking basic flying training at the Army Air Field here hoping someday to fly against the Japs himself.

254th "Sawbones"



In order to familiarize members of the 63d Division with the venomous snakes most common in this section, Capt. Eliot Duhan of the 254th Medics has come up with a new hobby—that of collecting reptiles found in this part of the country. Here the Captain compares those he actually possesses with several types he has drawn up on a chart.

254th "SAWBONES" COLLECTS SNAKES

Because he's eager to better acquaint men of the 63d with all types of snakes and snake bites, Capt. Eliot Duhan of the 254th Medics has initiated a small, but ever growing collection of reptiles—a collection made possible by the donation of several type snakes by various interested units.

Diamond Back Rattlers and Blue Runners; Cotton Mouth Moccasins and Gophers; Scorpions and Corals, big and small, are included among Capt. Duhan's array and it is upon this initial collection that the Medical Officer is basing his hopes for the potential establishment of a Division Museum.

"The men of this Division must

become familiar with the specie most common in this section," the Captain stated. "They must be able to recognize the snake, the effects of his bite—that is whether it be deadly or non-poisonous—and must know when and how to give treatment. For that reason I urge all units to turn over to us all snakes killed by members of their sections so that we may be able to show by actual exhibition the various types of snakes most prevalent in this part of the country."

In addition to his actual collection, the Captain keeps an up-to-the-minute chart of all the snakes in his possession—a chart that explains the poison content of each and the effect of its bite.

P. S. Oh yes, the snakes are dead—plenty dead—and are preserved in a solution devised by the Captain himself.

TARGET

England (CNS) — Capt. Percy Young was showing lantern slides of German industrial areas to a group of bomber crews who were about to take off on a daylight raid.

"Your target is a German industrial base," said the Captain turning with his pointer to what he thought would be a large airview of the area. Instead there flashed upon the screen a large picture of a particularly seductive and luscious nude. The Captain was nonchalant.

"This, gentlemen," he said, "is your target for tonight. The zero hour is 10 P.M."

Honeymooning Co-ed Gets Diploma by Proxy

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—When Mary Jean Bell's name was called at commencement exercises at a local school here, she wasn't around. She was far away on her honeymoon with Cpl. Tom Cole of Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Mary Jean later got her diploma by proxy.

Measles Threaten Romance

Chicago (CNS)—"Please call my girl and break a date for me," a hospitalized soldier asked a nurse in the Air Force training station here. "But don't tell her I've got the measles," he added sheepishly.



Male Call



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



Auxiliary Power



253d INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FORMER STAR BASEBALL PLAYER

Was Roommate of Ted Williams Played With Louisville and Boston Red Sox.

It was little more than an hour before game time on a typical late-Summer afternoon in Boston's Fenway Park. Washington's disappointing Senators were in the Hub to meet Joe Cronin's Scarlet Hose and in the stands a "recall" from Louisville's American Association Colonels sat, twitching nervously—thanking his lucky stars he was going to sit this ball game out. The old nerves were playing tricks on him and the kid was perfectly content to let his Major League debut wait a day.

Then a voice boomed out of the Boston dugout, "Cox, hey Cox, come down here and get into uniform. We may use you!" Wiping away cold beads of perspiration and calling upon all his reserve to summon sufficient strength to rise from his seat, the rookie stumbled down from the stands, nervously stumbled into the Hose locker room, fumbled his way into uniform and trotted out onto big league sod.

"That was some day—that day back in 1941," says Lt. Richard C. "Dick" Cox, now S-2 of the 253d Infantry Regiment. "I'll never forget it as long as I live. Yes, the Sox did use me that day and I swear I had my eyes closed when I stepped in to face Ken Chase and rapped out a double my first time at bat."

Be that as it may, Lt. Cox's record in professional ball shows otherwise and his abbreviated diamond career is studied with success.

Given Bonus

Given a tidy \$6,000 bonus for signing with Portsmouth of the Piedmont League, Cox jumped direct from the campus of the University of Maryland into Class B ball in 1939—a jump he made with apparent ease.

His efforts at Portsmouth, where he played first base, impressed Sox officials to such an extent that he found him on the roster of Louisville. Moving into the outfield, Cox spent all of '40 and parts of '41 with the Colonels, being called up by Boston on two occasions the latter season—the first time during Spring training; the second time when he made his memorable Fall debut against Chase.

It was while in the Hub that Uncle Sam's Army caught up with the 263d S-2, however, and near the season's end the Virginian was mustered into service—his career suspended "for the duration."

Batted .718

Born in Fredericksburg, Va., Cox attended Fredericksburg High, playing four years of baseball and three years of football. A pitcher at the time, the Lieutenant won 52 ball games during his scholastic career and also wielded a potent bat, batting an astonishing .718 his Junior year and an impressive .350 his Senior term.

Graduating from high school in 1936, Cox entered the University of

Maryland the Fall of that same year and again was prominent in athletics, playing three years of baseball and three years of football. His summers were spent with semi-pro ball clubs, but came 1939, the signing with Portsmouth, and Cox was on his way.

"Lot of Thrills"

"Baseball has given me a lot of thrills," says the Lieutenant, "but I think the greatest I ever had was that afternoon in 1939 when Portsmouth met the New York Yankees in an exhibition game. Facing Charlie Ruffing and 'Lefty' Gomez, I banged out two triples and two doubles in as many trips."

The Lieutenant's worst moment? That occurred while he was a member of the Colonels and against the Cleveland Indians.

Batting against Fireball Bobby Feller, Cox went down on strikes twice successively on six pitched balls. "I really was disgusted with myself," said the Lieutenant. He removed some of the sting of those two whiffs, however, by combing Feller for a double his third time up and a single his fourth and final trip. "Those two hits helped a lot," Cox admitted with a wry grin.

A teammate of Monte Weaver, Johnny Pesky, "Mickey" Harris, Heber "Dick" Newsome and Fort Garrison while with Louisville, Lt. Cox is from the same home town that sent "Soup" Campbell to Cleveland, Jack Sanford to Washington, Porter Vaughan to the Philadelphia Athletics and George Lacy and Herb Hash to Boston.

Invited to play with the Service All-Stars in last year's "Dream Game," Cox had to decline the offer because of commitments at O. C. S. "I sure wish I could have made that ball game," the Lieutenant said, "but I felt the loss of a week's schooling would throw me too far behind."

Roomed With Williams

A roommate of Teddy Williams for a short time, Cox claims Knuckleballer Emil "Dutch" Leonard of the Senators is the toughest pitcher he ever was called on to face and that Thorny Lee of the White Sox was the easiest—one of those flingers batters like to refer to as a "cousin."

"I stepped in against Lee five times and combed him for four hits," the Lieutenant said.

Only twenty-four years old, Lt. Cox towers an inch above the six-foot mark, weighs in the neighborhood of 190 pounds—about 15 pounds above his normal playing weight—and has a burning ambition for another shot at the big time once the present war is over.

With no Adolfs or Tojos around to bother our normal way of living Lt. Cox thinks he can go in the big show and stay. We think he's got something there.

Tanks Wear 'Snoods' This Season

Chicago (CNS) — Snoods for tanks is the latest note in battle fashion. Chicago's lace curtain industry is busy turning out yards of netting to supply the Army's mobile battle units with "snoods" for camouflage.

Club Standings

As Of June 30

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
New York	33	21	.579
Washington	31	28	.548
Boston	32	31	.508
Cleveland	30	31	.492
Chicago	27	30	.474
Detroit	27	30	.474
Philadelphia	30	34	.469
St. Louis	26	31	.456

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
St. Louis	38	23	.623
Brooklyn	42	26	.618
Pittsburgh	32	28	.533
Philadelphia	30	31	.492
Cincinnati	31	31	.492
Boston	28	32	.467
Chicago	25	38	.397
New York	24	40	.375

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Toronto	41	30	.577
Newark	35	29	.554
Baltimore	32	29	.525
Montreal	35	32	.522
Syracuse	32	31	.508
Rochester	31	31	.477
Buffalo	29	35	.453
Jersey City	26	42	.382

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION			
W	L	Pct.	
Nashville	42	26	.618
Little Rock	35	28	.556
Birmingham	38	32	.543
New Orleans	37	35	.514
Charanooga	31	31	.500
Atlanta	32	34	.485
Knoxville	27	36	.429
Memphis	22	42	.344

TELL US MORE

Pvt. Jim Leach, formerly at Camp Blanding for his basic training, was in North Africa for six months as a motion picture operator with a hospital unit. He's just returned to camp on a visit with a barracks bag full of curios and art objects which he collected all over the Moroccan country-side.

Most important object in his collection is a heavy solid silver ring with an Arab's head carved on the face. It was given to Private Leach by the Sultan of Morocco at an elaborate banquet at the fabulous palace at Rabat. Leach says it was some party.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Gunder (The Wonder) Hagg, a Swedish civilian, finished 35 yards ahead of Chief Petty Officer Greg Rice of the U. S. Maritime Service when the two met in a 5,000 meter special held by the National AAU in New York June 20.

Although the Maritime Service took a beating the Navy did OK in the meet. Lt. Joe McCluskey, the ancient mariner from Fordham University, won the 3,000 meter steeplechase to the intense delight of the crowd. Lt. Louis Gregory of the Iowa Naval Pre-Flight school copped the 10,000 meter run. Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam cleared 15 feet again and won the pole vault. Ensign Hugh Cannon, USNR, won the discus throw and Ensign Billy Brown of Bainbridge, Md. was top man in the hop, skip and jump event.

The only Army triumph came in the high jump which Pete Watrus of Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. won with a leap of 6 feet 7 7/8 inches. Second in this event was Cpl. Joshua Williamson of Camp Pickett, Va. who was but an inch behind Watrus.

Eulace Peacock, who used to chase Jesse Owens down the stretch, picked up a few points for the Coast Guard by placing second in the broad jump. He also placed sixth in the 200-meter dash which was won by Harold Davis, the California comet, in the world record time of 0:20.2. Incidentally, the record didn't count because a five-mile-an-hour wind helped push him across.

Cpl. Vito Tamulis, chunky little lefthander who formerly toiled for the Dodgers, has fanned 66 men while winning six straight for Drew Field, Fla.

Caught in the draft are Jack Hallett, 29-year-old Pittsburgh Pirate rookie righthander, and Nick Shinkoff, New York Giant scout. Shinkoff was "discovered" by a scout for Uncle Sam while ivory hunting in Connecticut.

The first pro football player to be decorated in this war is Ensign Jack Tripson, who played with the Detroit Lions in 1941. He was wounded in the North African landing and received the Navy Cross for gallantry.

Capt. R. R. Emmet, commanding officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, in a recent speech at Chicago gave notice to big league ball players on the Great Lakes nine that next season may find them taking part in a much bigger game overseas. "We have some great players there this year, but we're going to break up the team," he said. "There's Johnny Mize on first base. Always been one of my favorites. But next season I expect he'll be playing in New Caledonia—or even better, on the plains of Italy." Other big leaguers on the team include Johnny Schmitz, Chicago Cubs; Tom Ferrick, Cleveland Indians; Joe Grace and Johnny Lucadello, St. Louis Browns; and George Dickey, Chicago White Sox.

BASEBALL SCORES

Despite the rain which muddied up the Division area a bit last week, the Special Service Office reports that baseball in the Division is coming along in good shape. Scores reported for this last week are as follows:

763d Ordnance	15
Sta. Hospital	4
363d Medical Bn.	6
263d Engineer Bn.	5
Div. Staff Officers (Blue)	13
Div. Staff Officers (Red)	9

MEDICAL OFFICER WEDS IN CHAPEL

With officers and enlisted men of the 363d Medical Battalion cadre in attendance, Miss Margaret Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Murray of Burlington, Vt., became the wife of Lt. Joseph McNeil, M. A. C., in a ceremony performed Saturday morning by Chaplain William J. Guinan in Chapel No. 4.

2nd Lt. Thomas W. Sheehy acted as best man while the bride's cousin, Miss Mary Elizabeth Murray, was maid of honor. The bride's mother and father were also present, the latter giving the bride away.

During the ceremony, Lt. Cornelius J. Driscoll rendered several songs accompanied by the organ.

Lt. McNeil is a graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont and was recently graduated from the Medical Administrative O. C. S. at Camp Barkley, Texas. Upon his matriculation he was assigned to active duty with Company "C" of the 363d Medical Battalion where he is now serving as Company Officer.

The bride and groom will reside in Gainesville.

DARTMOUTH SIGNS DEL ISOLA, PIEPUL

HANOVER, N. H.—Signing of Johnny Del Isola as line coach and Milton J. Piepul as backfield coach was announced this week by Dartmouth College athletic authorities.

Del Isola, a member of the New York grid Giants, is a former Fordham luminary, while Piepul was captain and fullback on the Notre Dame eleven of 1940. They will be chief aides to Earl Brown, recently named head coach of the Indians.

Staff Tennis Results

Proving that Special Service can stand up against the other branches of the service, Major Lieding, Division Special Service Officer, defeated Lt. Col. Watkins, Division Observer, by a score of 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Lt. Col. Eyer beat Lt. Col. Oberholtzer in 2 sets out of three by a score of 3-6, 6-4, and 6-2.

In other matches Lt. Col. Widmer defeated Lt. Goldman, and Major Lieding defeated Lt. Waters.

Bear Clouts Sergeant And He Clouts Back

Alaska (CNS)—Trapped in an Alaskan river by a bear, a U. S. sergeant escaped with a slight mauling when he smacked the bruin in the kisser and chased him back to shore.

The sergeant, according to Brig. Gen. C. L. Sturdevant, had waded into the river for a swim when a bear spotted him and took a few swipes at his chest. The sergeant clouted right back, caught the bear on the nose a few times and made the big fellow quit. Later the sergeant was treated for chest lacerations.

Ask Me Another

Oldtimers claim that we shall never see the equal of the athletes who performed in grandpa's day. True enough, perhaps, but the fact remains that few of this generation remember the big names of long ago. How are you on history?

- Who were the participants in the longest fight in ring history?
 Sullivan and Killrane.
 Tunney and Hones.
 Louis and Schmeling.
- Who took part in the first intercollegiate football game ever played in the U.S.A.?
 Yale-Harvard.
 Army-Navy.
 Princeton-Rutgers.
- Most famous of all early American fighters was John L. Sullivan. Whom did he lick for his title?
 Jim Corbett.
 Paddy Ryan.
 Jake Kilraire.
 Maxie Baer.
- The hole-in-one, that golfing phenomenon, has eluded many top-flight golfers. Do you know who shot the most holes-in-one?
 Harry Vardon.
 Bobby Jones.
 Sandy Herd.
 Groucho Marx.
- Who was heavyweight champion of the world when Jack Dempsey was born?
 Bob Fitzsimmons.
 Jim Corbett.
 Jack Johnson.
 Charles Atlas.

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Iguski Can Take 'em

Anyone who is under the illusion that the Nazis are supermen can listen to Staff Sgt. Edward F. Iguski, in charge of the prisoner of war guard at Camp Blanding, Florida. Iguski, a former store-room clerk in the Bethlehem Steel Mills, says he is confident he could take any one of the Nazi prisoners at Blanding in a fair fight—if they know that brand.

Laff of the Week—

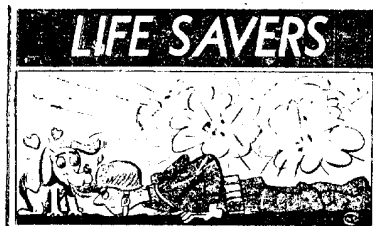
New York (CNS)—The U. S. Navy, an armed force, has its own little tricks of locating those individuals who can be trusted with secrets, both military and political. This story is about a detective-like Naval intelligence officer who approached a civilian in reference to a man who was trying to get a lieutenant-commander's commission in one of those branches which deals with mysterious things. "What we are trying to find out in particular," said the investigator, "is whether or not the applicant is the kind of a man who would tell secrets to women."

Sport Slants

The Nazis have confessed that they suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the Italians—in football. A recent German broadcast reported that the Italian Army eleven had walloped the team of the German Air Force at Cremona.

THE LAW GETS ITS MAN

San Francisco (CNS) Ensign Calvin Miller, stationed in an island in the Pacific, recently received by mail a ticket for overtime parking in San Francisco.



THE BEST PROTECTION FROM A DAYLIGHT AIR RAID IS TO LIE FLAT ON THE GROUND OR IN A DITCH, SHELL HOLE OR SHADOW AND NOT MOVE.



IF DETAILED ON LOOKOUT DUTY BE SURE TO WATCH IN EVERY DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY THAT FROM WHICH ATTACKS ARE TO BE EXPECTED.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Here's a good book—if you care for women!"

Medics, Like Infantry Are Front Line Soldiers

SOLDIERS OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT RECEIVE TRAINING SIMILAR TO INFANTRY, PLUS MEDICAL SUBJECTS

They may be called "sawbones" or "pill rollers" and they may be kidded for doctoring us with aspirin, iodine or "C-C" pills, but every Infantry soldier knows that when the going gets tough and the men begin to fall, the Medics will be behind him, ready to give him first aid and get him off the battlefield.

The division's medical service covers the entire division area right up to the very foremost of the front lines. This coverage is carried out by the various echelons of the medical service.

Following the course of a wounded man from front to rear through the setup of the medics, the first medical department soldier who will care for this man will be a company aid man. The company aid man is attached to, lives with, and accompanies his company into battle, giving whatever aid he can on the field of battle while the men are under fire.

After giving his treatment the company aid man tags the injured man and marks his position for the litter bearers to carry him to the battalion aid station.

In the battalion aid station the man receives additional emergency medical treatment, the extent of which depends entirely upon the military situation. It is here that he will first receive treatment by the officers of the medical corps.

Each Infantry battalion has a battalion medical section which operates a battalion aid station. The three battalion sections make up the regimental medical detachment. This detachment is under the command of the regimental surgeon who is responsible for their training and tactical use.

Once the wounded man has been treated in the battalion aid station, the next group of men who will transport and care for him are the litter bearers of the collecting company of the medical battalion. Ordinarily they carry him by litter, to the collecting station. If jeeps, trucks, or ambulances can be brought that far forward, they are used in bearing the wounded.

In the collecting station, which, because of its location further to the rear and its comparative shelter, permits more individual care, the man's previous treatment is checked and additional treatment given.

At this spot he is most likely to receive plasma if needed. After treatment is completed if he is seriously injured he is sent by ambulance to the clearing station. If his injury is slight he may be sent forward again to rejoin his outfit.

There are three collecting companies in the Medical Battalion. Their equipment is adequate for the simple medical treatment they give. They are also assigned ten ambulances per company to evacuate the wounded and sufficient transportation to keep up with the forces in front.

The next link in the chain is the clearing station. This has sufficient medical supplies and surgi-

cal equipment so that if time and the situation permit major surgical procedures can be carried out. Each clearing company is organized into two equal sized platoons, either of which can function independently of the other and establish a station.

Following treatment in the clearing station, if his wounds require further treatment the soldier will be evacuated further to the rear by medical units of the Army. Of if his condition permits, he may be sent forward again to his own unit.

In an Infantry division the engineers and artillery have their own attached medical personnel who send the wounded and sick directly to the clearing company.

The basic training of the medical soldier differs only slightly from that of any soldier in the Army. He is given training in military courtesy and discipline, care of clothing and equipment, dismounted drill, defense against air and mechanical attack, and defense against chemical warfare. As the proportion of medical personnel is relatively small in proportion to the number of men to be cared for, they are given a regular course in physical training. So that they will be able to stand the long hours and physical strain.

Subsequent to basic training the medic begins a study of the technical subjects of the medical department. This course includes subjects such as the structure and function of the body, knowledge and use of medicines and instruments, and care and movement of the sick.

The next phase of his training is designed to enable him to function and move as a unit with speed, order, and security. During this period subjects such as map and

GESUNDHEIT!

2d Lt. John S. Baer of the 263d Inf. swears to his friends that he sleeps with a gas mask on. It seems that Lt. Baer's old tent roof was leaking, and when he turned it in for salvage, he was given a roof formerly used by a Chemical Warfare unit. Whenever it rains the tear gas starts to dissolve.

When last interviewed on the subject, Lt. Baer had this to say—"Kaff, kaff, glug, umph, phew—kachoo!"

Thank you, Lt. Baer.

Recon Report

By Sgt. Edward Bednar

Whenever a soldier with yellow braid on his cap is seen, a lot of dogfaces squint their eyes, scratch their heads, and then lapse into deep thought or a reasonable facsimile. Then after going to all that trouble they ask us, "Hey, soldier WHAT outfit is THAT?" (Note: Ask us that in the first place and save wear and tear on the brain.)

Naturally us Recon's being very cocky because there aren't many of us answer, "63d Reconnaissance Troop!" The blank look on the questioner's face prompts us to say, "It's a mechanized cavalry outfit." Some of the other dogfaces who want to show that they know what's going on around camp sneer, and reply, "G'wan, there ain't no horses in this camp."

So you can see that even in early training a Recon is taught diplomacy and tact, plus tolerance toward other branches of the service.

The job of the 63d Reconnaissance Troop in the Division is to get information regarding the strength and disposition of the enemy, and most important, to bring the information back. (We could write reams on getting back, if prompted).

E.R.C. Gets Berry

Supply Sergeant Edward B. Berry of the 63d Reconnaissance Troop has been transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corp. It was announced last week. Before joining the Army, Sgt. Berry taught mathematics and other subjects at the Choate School, Wallingford, Conn. The Sergeant has traveled extensively in pre-war Europe and speaks several languages fluently.

"Castle Club" Opens For Non-Coms of 263d

Co-inciding with Activation festivities, the non-coms of the 263d Engineer Bn. opened their NCO club on the same day, June 15th. Present to help the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Battalion christen the new club was a contingent of WAAC's from WAAC Detachment No. 1, Station Complement, Camp Blanding.

Established for the use of NCO's only, the new club is comfortably furnished, and is provided with bars for soft drinks and beer.

Officially named the "Castle Club," it is reported that the club is getting so popular that the men of the 263d can't be budged out of camp, even on week-ends.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER GETS HOOKED UP

2d Lt. Richard W. Hensler, Communications Officer of the 253d Inf. was married last Saturday to Miss Theresa Rainford of Boston, Pa.

The new Mrs. Hensler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rainford.

Best man at the wedding was 2d Lt. Edward J. Pickert, also of the 253d Inf.

Model Becomes WAAC

Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. (CNS)—Best looking WAAC at Ft. Oglethorpe is Aux. Kay Haslet of New York. She's a former Harry Conover model.

SPECIAL SERVICE REPORTS

Acknowledging the many services that are offered men of the Army by their Service Clubs is something that should be a must in this man's Army. Service Clubs have been taken for granted for so long that we believe the services and activities they sponsor for the enlisted men should be explained more fully.

Do you men of the 63d Division know that you have a Service Club here on the post that plans its activities specifically for the 63d? That is a fact. Service Club No. 1, located on Rhode Island Road, is that Club.

The Club's director, Mrs. Emma D. Chaiker, together with her recreational hostess, Miss Christine Ricketson, are just about as busy as a 24 hour day will permit, in preparing art exhibits, dances, free movies, and the incidental point concerning the functioning of the No. 1 Guest House, which is another service for the enlisted men.

In the Club, there is a very extensive library of both fact and fiction that should satisfy the appetite of any species of the "book-worm" world. This section of the Club, is ably directed by the librarian, Mrs. Elinor Evans.

In the "vittle depot" Miss Martha Moore sees to the activity and functioning of the Service Club cafeteria.

Now for the activities every Tuesday night; this capable staff acts as hostesses to the men of the 63d Division, honoring them with a dance and furnishing the girls and music.

Don't accept that as an intimation that Tuesday is the only night that the Service Club functions. Actually you can drop in any time and have a grand time. It's your service club, men—so use it. Drop by and get acquainted. Soon!

Answers To Sports Quiz

1. The longest fight on record was between Patsy Tunney and Jack Hones at Chelsea, England, in 1825. Hones won in 276 rounds. Next longest was a draw between A. Bowen and J. Burke in New Orleans, April 6, 1893. This bout took seven hours, 19 minutes.

2. Rutgers and Princeton played the first football game in 1869. Rutgers won and since that time has won only one other game from Princeton.

3. John L. Sullivan, the famed Boston strong boy, defeated Paddy Ryan for the world's heavyweight title in 1882 in a bare knuckle fight.

4. Hole-in-one-king is Sandy Herd, of Scotland. He shot 18 in 50 years of competitive golf.

5. Jack Dempsey was born June 24, 1895 in Manassa, Col. At that time Jim Corbett was champ.

Mutts Chase MPs, Get Sent To Bed

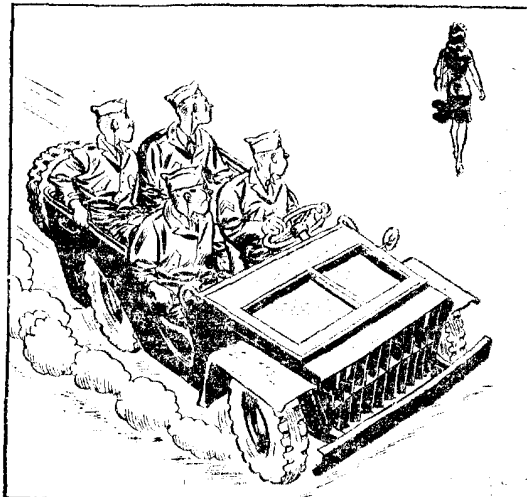
Gunter Field, Ala. (CNS)—Because dogs have been chasing MPs through the streets at night, the pooches are going to get an early curfew. The squadron pets have been ordered off the streets by 9 P. M.

The Wolf by Sansone

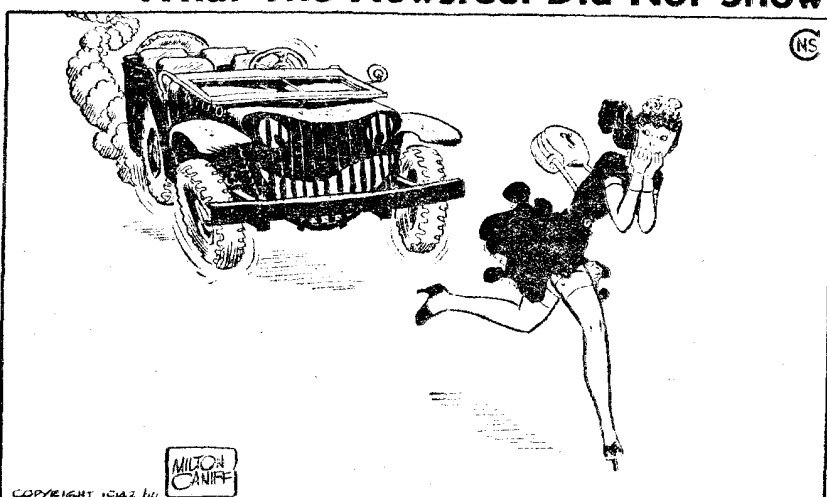


Male Call

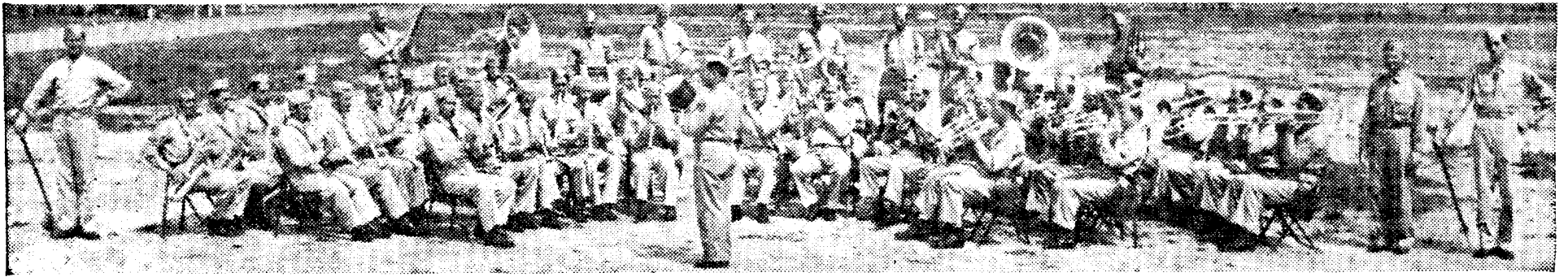
by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



What The Newsreel Did Not Show



63d's Band Played to U. S., Canadian Dignitaries



One of this country's leading and best known Army bands is the 63d Division band pictured above. Under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Randolph Cruger, it has made appearances throughout the country and holds the Black Watch Hackle given by the famous regiment of the Royal Highlanders. Prior to coming to Camp Blanding the band was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., where it was a favorite of that state's Governor Wills.



The above scene shows members of the 63d Division's Band marching down the streets of Montreal during the colorful Dominion Day and Army week celebrations held in Canada last year. At the time, of course, the Band was not yet a part of the 63d.

News From Your Own Home Town

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Oneonta, N. Y. (CNS)—Charlie Scholl rigged up an elaborate shotgun trap as a chicken coop burglar trap. The next morning Charlie absent mindedly opened the door of his henhouse, got a load of buckshot in his leg.

San Francisco (CNS)—Harold Berliner, collector of internal revenue, needed 25 pounds of straight pins for his office. So he asked taxpayers to pin their checks to the statements.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y. (CNS)—Last August someone stole 25 bracelets, 10 brooches, numerous lockets, chains and rings from the home of Frederico Pohndorff. Last week Earl Weideman, plowing his fields, unearthed a cardboard box containing the stolen jewelry.

Seattle (CNS)—Someone is milking E. T. Cooper's cow and stealing the milk, Cooper told the police. He said these thefts are taking place nightly while he is away working in a nearby shipyard.

Springfield, Ill. (CNS)—The Illinois House is considering a bill to require that all State legislators have at least an eighth grade education, Rep. J. S. Mundy, who introduced the measure, said he knew of two legislators within the last ten years who could neither read nor write. "And one of them," said Mundy, "got himself elected three times."

Vacaville, Cal. (CNS)—George Higson is going to be very wary of steers after this—even dead ones. Recently he slaughtered a steer, then grabbed both hind legs to turn it over for skinning. The reflexes in the steer's legs were so powerful that Higson was sent flying ten feet.

Salt Lake City (CNS)—David Hartwell, 4, popped a marble in his mouth and it soon was stuck in his windpipe. He was rushed to the hospital and stretched out on the operating table. Then he coughed. Out came the marble.

Cost of the marble: One cent. Cost the bill for doctors and operating room: \$15.

Sampson, N. Y. (CNS)—Know what Herbert Mailman does at the Sampson Naval Base? That's right, he works in the Station post office.

San Diego, Cal. (CNS)—A local resident was hauled into court here and charged with making whiskey which he sold for \$5 a bottle. Inspector Basil Stephens, of the Internal Revenue Alcohol Tax Unit, said the defendant admitted making the evil brew from squirrels, chinese lizards and other creatures. He added whiskey then aged the conglomeration two years.

Spokane, Wash. (CNS)—During a recent cold snap here, lady lifeguards at city swimming pools sat on their towers wearing ski suits, mittens and wool scarfs.

Texarkana, Ark. (CNS)—Telegraph messenger Billy Sellman wanted to buy a pair of shoes but a crowd at Watsons' shoe store made it impossible. He returned to the telegraph office, filled out a telegram and dashed back to the store. "Telegram for Mr. Watson," he shouted. The crowd parted, let him pass. Inside he handed the telegram to the manager. It read: "Please sir. I would like to buy a pair of shoes. (Signed) Billy Sellman."

Boise, Ida. (CNS)—Police caught an escaped jailbird trying to break back into the clink. He explained he just wanted to visit friends.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Because 17-year-old Tarsila Matto wanted to marry a sailor tragedy befell her home. Her mother refused permission for the wedding so Tarsila threatened to jump out of a third floor window. Mother and daughter struggled at the window and both fell out. The mother was killed—Tarsila was injured seriously.

Chicago (CNS)—Joe Bosnyak is fed up with cats. He told a Superior Court judge in a divorce plea that his wife was so fond of cats that it was nothing for Joe to wake up in the morning with a cat's tail curled around his neck. Finally his wife told him there was no room for him at home—

told him to get out. Joe got the divorce.

Hartford, Conn. (CNS)—A charge of rape was vacated in police court here when the complainant admitted she bought a lunch for the defendant following the alleged attack.

Hollywood (CNS)—Charlie Chaplin's marriage to brown-eyed Oona O'Neill won the fast stepping little comedian one new friend and a hatful of enemies. The new friend was Oona's momma who told reporters she was very happy about the whole thing. The enemies were: (1) Oona's poppa, Nobel prize-winning playwright Eugene O'Neill who is reported to have opposed the nuptials from the beginning; (2) red-headed Joan Barry, who claims Chaplin is the father of her unborn child; (3) Robert Arden, Charlie's former pal and muscle man, who told everyone that Chaplin left him "holding the bag" by eloping, and (4) the OPA in California, which got sore when it learned that Chaplin used rationed gas to drive 90 miles to Carpenteria, Cal., to get married.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Catherine Mannion hadn't heard from her soldier son Jerome in a year. The other day a woman brought a snapshot of her son Sammy and other soldiers into the Mannion photo shop for enlargement. Mrs. Mannion took a gander at the print. "Wow," she cried. "That boy next to Sammy—it's Jerome."

Milwaukee (CNS)—A truck driver found a puppy hiding in his cargo of spuds. The dog apparently had made the 9-day trip from Phoenix, Ariz., without food or water.

"Kegling" Debut

Making its debut next week will be a new Divisional sport—"kegling"—known to the uninitiated as bowling.

The Division Special Office put out a quiet memorandum recently on the subject which resulted in the formation of 48 five man bowling teams.

Starting July 1, there will be four alleys reserved at the PX bowling alley every Tuesday and Thursday from 1230 until 2200 for the use of Division bowlers.

Many Big-Name Musicians Listed in Band's Roster

Composed largely of former members of big name dance bands and receiver of an official citation from the famous Black Watch Regiment of the Royal Highlanders, the 63d Division Band bears the reputation of being one of the top-flight Army bands in the country.

The band was formed by the merger of two units—the 186th Field Artillery Band from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. and the 137th Field Artillery Band from Camp Gruber, Okla. It has the snap, precision and sparkle so necessary to a good band and is well known throughout the country.

Chosen to represent this country for the Dominion Day and Army Week celebration at Montreal in June of 1942, the band played to

toured the South.

In addition to its duties as the BLOOD and FIRE Division's official band, the organization also can be broken down to provide several dance orchestras for social events and can produce its own singer, former Opera Tenor Cpl. John Campbell who has sung in Carnegie Hall and is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music.

Included among its personnel are such former professionals as S/Sgt. Charlie Stutz, who once played both the Spanish and electric guitar in B. A. Rolfe's "Hit Parade" orchestra, Cpl. Max Cfeikes, a former trombonist for Will Osborne and Sgt. Joe Gallo, who once played saxophone for Sonny Dunham.

Other former professional performers with the band include Cpl. "Bunny" Schwartz, former drummer for Teddy Powell; Pvt. Edward J. Dolin, trumpeter, formerly



Mr. Cruger

such a celebrity as the King of Greece. At the conclusion of this event each member was awarded the traditional Black Watch Hackle by the Regiment whose guests they had been.

Director of the band is Chief Warrant Officer Randolph Cruger, a veteran of the first World War and a man who played with the late John Philip Sousa and Victor Herbert. In addition, Mr. Cruger was musical director for several of the more recent Broadway shows and for the National Broadcasting Company in New York.

Assisting Mr. Cruger is Warrant Officer George H. Nolte, a graduate of the Army Music School who has had long experience with various name orchestras.

A favorite of Vermont's Governor Wills during the time it was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, the band has made many War Bond appearances, playing for such stars as Dorothy Lamour, Ann Rutherford and Charles Laughton. Another assignment in connection with the sale of War Bonds was with the captured Japanese suicide submarine which recently



Mr. Nolte

with Vincent Lopez; Sgt. Sidney Seidman, sax player, once with Stuart Allen; Sgt. George Marble, another trumpeter who once played for Tommy Van and Charlie Blue, a former saxophonist in "Bunny" Berigan's orchestra.

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