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## 'VICTORY PARADE' WILL VISIT 63D DIV.



### Will Osborne's Orchestra To Play At Camp Van Dorn

### 300 AT FIRST DANCE STAGED BY ENGINEERS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Each week the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE read home town newspapers seeking interesting tid-bits of news from YOUR own home town. If you've finished with today's issue of YOUR home town paper send it along to BLOOD AND FIRE, Div. Arty. Rec. Hall. We'll appreciate it.

**LOS ANGELES, Calif.**—In this war Sgt. York is a woman. She's Jennie York, of Clinton, Tenn., and she's a 23-year-old cousin of World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York. She's recently been made a WAC sergeant.

**SYRACUSE, N. Y.**—Federal Judge Frederick H. Bryant has sentenced three New York men to four-year prison terms following convictions for violation of Selective Service laws. They are: William E. Humphrey Jr., Saratoga Springs; Guy T. Bevins, Bryant Lake, and Edward O. Wilson, Cooperstown.

**SHREVEPORT, La.**—The Navy's giving a good job to Tom Washington, 34-year-old Negro volunteer who entered the service here recently. He has 11 children, ranging in age at the time of his enlistment from five days to 15 years. Under the new increased pay allotment plan, Navy officials say his allotment will amount to \$308 a month. His family lives on a farm.

**NEWARK, N. J.**—Three radio cars, a patrol wagon and four detectives rushed to a residence here in response to a "riot call" received at headquarters. The "riot" turned out to be 300 people who had gathered before a house gaping at a police emergency truck which had previously been called out to save the life of a new baby—a daughter born

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WILL OSBORNE

### Division And Camp Men, Women Will Be Heard On Show Thursday

The "Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," sponsored by the Coca-Cola Co., and featuring Will Osborne and his band, will present Camp Van Dorn and the 63d Div. to the nation next Thursday night, over 154 stations of the Blue Network, from 2000 to 2030. Camp Special Service is in charge of the presentation.

The program will be held at the outdoor arena or, in the event of rain, in theatre No. 2. It will be carried locally over station WDSU, New Orleans.

In addition to the broadcast, there will be a special show featuring the Osborne band and Miss Marylin Duke, vocalist. Other entertainers will accompany the band from New Orleans where Osborne and his musicians are now playing at the Hotel Roosevelt.

**Six Nights Weekly**  
The "Victory Parade" is heard six nights a week from Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine bases and from war production areas. The series is now in its sixty-first week and has travelled more than 445,000 miles.

Will Osborne and his band have been a standout for several years among nationally known dance orchestras. He and his musicians have played in all of the important cities of the United States and they have been among the most popular of all the great organizations.

**Hits Airways**  
A Canadian by birth, Osborne

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### Lt. Pinckney New 862d F.A. Commander

New commander of Battery A of the 862d F.A. Bn. is Lt. Elric S. Pinckney, who formerly was assistant S-2. He replaces Lt. William A. Cox, Jr., who has left the 63d Division.

Lt. Thomas E. Selby is now the S-2 of the battalion. He takes the job over from Lt. Pinckney who held it for a short period after the transfer of Lt. George Pavlicek from the battalion staff to the division artillery staff. Lt. Selby was with headquarters battery.

### Pin-Ups Attract Engineer Trainees

A novel scheme for attracting attention to orientation displays in the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion is bringing the desired results, according to Lt. John H. Schroeder, orientation officer.

A "This is worth fighting for" department features eye-catching pictures of the battalion's favorite pin-up girls, attracting attention to the contributors' corner and other attractions.

The orientation personnel of the 263d includes the following officers: Lt. Frederick Kirby, Hq. and Serv. Co.; Lt. Phill C. Wood, A Company; Lt. William J. Otjen, B Company; and Lt. A. P. Batchelor, C Company.



MARYLIN DUKE

### PRIZE OFFERED FOR CHRISTMAS CARD

Artists and aspiring artists of CT Blue are competing in a contest sponsored by the 255th Inf. Special Service Office for the best design for a Christmas card for the team.

The selected design will be printed and sold to team members for a nominal fee. To the creator of the prize-winning design will go a twenty-five dollar war bond, and the satisfaction of knowing hundreds of men are sending out a card he designed.

A number of entries are already in the hands of the Special Service Officer. Deadline for the contest is Monday, November 8. Entries should be submitted to the Special Service Office, C.T. Blue Rec Hall, 17th Ave. and 21st Street.

### Division Diggers Den Done--It's A Night Club For NCO's

The Castle Club—playhouse of the non-commissioned officers of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion—will officially open tomorrow night with gala festivities and special entertainment.

Interior decorations, just completed this week, provide the club with an authentic night club atmosphere. A bar, a large floor, new furniture, an orchestra and the battalion's non-coms themselves await a large number of expected visitors to tomorrow night's dance program.

**Band Makes Debut**  
The dance also marks the debut of the 263d Engineer band, featuring talent from the ranks of enlisted men in the battalion. Top-flight band members include Cpl. Ronald Baker, trumpet, Pvt. Carl Schorn, piano, and Pvt. Jack Nord, clarinet.

Insignia of four divisions decorate the club because 11 members of the non-commissioned cadre have served in that many outfits.

Men of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion are still talking about the dance they gave last Friday night in the gaily decorated Division Troops recreation hall.

The dance, which was the first of the season for the Engineers, was attended by about 300 men and their "dates" for the evening from the Duration Squadron of Baton Rouge, service men's centers of Liberty and Gloster and the civilian dormitories of Camp Van Dorn. The presentation of sponsors, a grand march, entertainment by members of the battalion and special services, and the music of Private Mike Bryan's orchestra highlighted the evening's festivities.

Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding officer of the battalion, was guest of honor at the dance. Col. Coan described the history of the Engineer's distinctive insignia and other interesting facts about the army's builders.

**Burns Introduces Sponsors**  
Major and Mrs. John R. McAlister and Capt. and Mrs. A. W. Sanders were sponsors of the dance. They were introduced to

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### Court Teams Drill For Tournament

Plans for the Division basketball tournament which will get under way following the touch football competition, are being formulated by Division Special Service. The court competition will embrace all units of the 63d with about three games scheduled to be played each week in the Rec Halls.

Teams representing various outfits have already started practice for the tournament and informal games have been played between quintets in various regiments.

### Citizenship A Long, Hard Struggle; 253d Cpl. Has Chased His 10 Months

Most men in this Division are American citizens by birth—and hardly, if ever, give a thought as to what it is like to be an alien in the ranks of the United States Army.

But Corp. Walter J. Schimmel, one of the spark plugs that keep Capt. H. M. Nance's C Co., 253d Inf. buzzing, has passed ten hectic months in the Army alternately chasing and being chased by American citizenship.

Walter comes to the Army from Astoria, Long Island, N. Y. But he is a native of Vienna. He first saw the United States when the Statue of Liberty jutted out from the morning mist as a Holland America liner sailed up the Hudson River with him as a crewmember in 1935. After a glimpse at New York's skyline, and a few hours leisure to explore the depths of the subway system, the canyons of Wall Street and the heights of the

Empire State Building, he was convinced that he must become an American, and a part of this country.

**Long, Hard Struggle**  
Walter's ship pulled out again on its routine trip, and he was aboard, as a dutiful member of the crew. The ship steamed on and on, to ports all over the world, but Walter retained the dream of life in America. Four years later, when the Nazi putsch through Poland forced his ship to seek refuge in New York harbor again, he left the liner and moved ashore. There began the long, hard struggle for citizenship—a citizenship which he has even yet not received.

**Marks Time**  
There wasn't much an alien could do in America during the early days of the war, particularly one who was technically an

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# AROUND AMERICA

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to Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes. After almost two full tanks of oxygen had been consumed and police had worked over the infant nearly an hour she let out a belch and the satisfied crowd dispersed.

MORRISTOWN, Pa.—Fire Chief Miles Riley told 2,000 high school students at a safety show here he'd demonstrate a new safety chute designated to replace the old-fashioned safety net. As he slid down the slide a rope broke and he fell 15 feet, breaking an elbow. "I think we'll stick to the old-fashioned nets," he said.

FLINT, MICH.—In an auction at his store in Montrose, Charles Matterson received \$13 for a second-hand alarm clock.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Five-year-old Leonard Kesky, jr., doesn't remember much about his daddy who went away to war in 1941, but he's got some mighty prized medals on his chest that his hero father died to win. Last week Col. John Salsman, U.S.A.A.F., went to the child's home and in a ceremony there pinned upon the youngster the two oak leaf clusters on the air medal which, with the purple heart, were given to him as next of kin to his father, a bombardier killed August 7 in the European theater.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Anne M. Shields, 21-year-old instructor, is now helping the U. S. Army to train men to fly the same planes they refused to let her make two years ago. At that time she was a stenographer for a manufacturing company and when her employers went into the manufacture of planes she applied for a transfer to machine work, but was told that good stenographers were needed by the concern. An inspector took her up one day for a flight, and she decided that boss or no boss, she'd do more than type. There followed months of training and now she's received her wings as an instructor.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Charred oak whisky barrels will virtually sing "Show Me The Way To Go Home" to Mississippi River towboats plying between St. Louis and Cairo, Ill. Recently 70 of the casks, now devoid of their former fragrant contents, were converted into river buoys.

DETROIT, Mich.—Detroit police are seeking the whereabouts of Mrs. Anna Harner, formerly of 303 Rosedale Ave. Her son, Pvt. Donald J. Jackson, died in Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, recently. (ED.—Anyone knowing her whereabouts please communicate at once with BLOOD AND FIRE.)

DEARBORN, Mich.—The U. S. Government is suing in Federal

Court to recover by legal action four gold bars worth \$1,243 which were illegally smuggled across the border from Canada a year ago and which found their way to the home of a Dearborn man who turned them over to the authorities.

CHICAGO, Ill.—It took actress Ann Sheridan to uncover a 16-year-old phony Guadalcanal hero here. She recently selected "Cpl." Anthony J. Jaros, of Detroit as her "ideal pin-up boy" from a group of soldiers, sailors and marines at Chicago's Servicemen's Center. After newsphotos appeared of the two, FBI agents checked up on Jaros' story. His record showed him discharged from the Army as being underage; he'd bought the Marine uniform and medals and concocted a phony hero story to dupe folks on the home front.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Enough tea for two or more million cups of the brew has arrived in 35,000 chests which have arrived in New York from Indian and Ceylon plantations. The tea has been safely stored in the warehouses of Port Warehouse, Inc., down on Laight St.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Milk delivery controls have been extended over New York City and northern New Jersey by the War Food Administration and have also been instituted in five California counties in an effort to prevent the necessity for rationing milk. Dr. C. J. Blanford, 205 E. 42d St., will administer the Metropolitan New York-New Jersey area. Dealers will generally be permitted to sell as much milk as they did in June.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Seventeen women pilots are now wheeling Flying Fortresses over the Ohio landscape as they prepare to handle "heavy stuff" for the Army Ferry Command. Among them is Elizabeth Helen Detweiler, recently one of the nation's top-flight golfers. They are members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, and are the first women being taught how to handle Uncle Sam's biggest aircraft. They're all experienced pilots.

### Comes Out On Top

BALTIMORE (CNS) — A tank and a street car met head on in a street collision here and the trolley came out second best. The car bounced off the tracks and onto the curb. The tank, unimpaired, continued on its way.

Those deep-throated singers who have been serenading the BLOOD AND FIRE staff these pleasant evenings are the 50-voice choir of Division Artillery, who will make their initial public appearance Sunday on the Sunday At Three program, which will be held at 1500.

## "PISTOL PACKIN' MAMMA"



Pvt. Arnold Spector, accompanied by the audience sings "Pistol Packin' Mamma," accompanied by Pvt. Mike Bryan, guitarist, as the Division presented its second radio broadcast last Thursday night over WJBO. The broadcast emanated from Div. Arty Rec. Hall.

## EX-COP IS NEW DIV. HQ. 1ST SGT.

When 1st Sgt. Jay E. Rich blows police call, the men of Div. Hq. and Hq. Co. know he means business, for he was a police officer for 19 1/2 years before entering the Army 14 years ago.

The new first sergeant was transferred to Hq. Co. last Saturday from Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 254th Inf. He replaced 1st Sgt. Peter Pehanich, who was transferred to Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 254th Inf.

Sgt. Rich came to Camp Van Dorn from Ft. Dix, N. J. After several "hitches" in the old Army, he was released last July 8 and was recalled to service Sept. 1. He had been first sergeant of the Provost Marshal General School at Ft. Custer, Mich., and Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and had been attached to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Custer.

A fingerprint, handwriting and firearms expert in civil life, Sgt. Rich gathered evidence which aided in the conviction of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the noted World War I draft dodger. He was an investigator for Melvin Purvis, the FBI agent who shot Dillinger.

Sgt. Rich is married and has four children. His home is in New Jersey.

## 254th 'Newscasters' Give War Reports

Departing from the more formal methods, Co. F, 254th Inf., held its current events orientation hour last Saturday in simulated radio style.

The "World News Roundup" program presented news analyses purporting to come from the principal theaters of war. Pvt. Warren Bowers reported on the Mediterranean theater, from Allied Hq. in North Africa; Pvt. Abner Levy from Moscow; Pvt. Bus Romeling from London, reporting on "inside Germany"; Pvt. Wally Bohensky from the South Pacific, and Pvt. Bill Smith from Camp Van Dorn, with headline summaries and the outlook for the week.

Following the "broadcast" the Co. F Little Theater Players presented a short melodrama, "Wise Up, Wise Guy, Wise Up." It told the story of Joe (represented by Pvt. Jim Cain) and Moe (played by Pvt. Levy), infamous chow hounds and gold bricks. Moe gave an expert demonstration of the long thrust and harpoon jab with the fork, and Joe demonstrated the "fade-out at dawn" as his mates polished the barracks.

Pvt. Algie Winters provided incidental music with cowboy songs.

## Ex-Police Runner Becomes Hero

ITALY (CNS) — Jose Enrique (Henry) Miro, one-time Dutch Schultz aide in New York's policy rackets several years ago, is a hero today. Miro, now 42, lost both legs fighting with American forces on the beachheads of Salerno.

## Have You An Old Pianola? Div. Arty. Could Use One

Have you a spare pianola you aren't using today? That's about all they'll need now to convert Div. Arty. Rec. Hall into a regular old-fashioned nightery.

Lt. O'Connell, Div. Arty. Special Service Officer, hit the jackpot with the idea of converting the new winter quarters of the GI beer and soft drink concession into a bang-up entertainment spot. Present plans call for a weekly show on Saturday nights featuring old-fashioned silent movie, at which one can sit and hiss the villain as he enacts the dastardly plots and cheer the hero as he rescues the heroine. That's where the pianola comes in.

### Give Pianist a Chance

Lt. O'Connell plans to have a GI bang away on the equally old-fashioned piano that's installed in the hall. Your editors, feeling that the pianist might also like to quench his thirst with a draft of GI beer, makes this plea for a pianola—or any other form of robot piano you might have lying round. Give the poor fellow a break.

On the Saturday program there will also appear barber shop quartettes, featuring some of our GI singers, and possibly also some in the quaint costumes of yesteryear. Soloists will extoll in song the virtues of the Gay Nineties—of which they've read and heard about. And around the walls of this emporium will blossom forth a real honest to goodness penny arcade with no slugs accepted.

### Peep Shows—GI

Orders have been placed for the pin ball machines—for gaming only—and for a wide variety of peep shows, which are guaranteed NOT to show you photos of the Eiffel Tower under the guise of "French scenes." Saturday's frolics will begin at 1900.

To meet the constant demands of

## 862d Lieutenants Receive Promotions

Announcement of the promotion of two officers to the grade of first lieutenant was made last week by Lt. Col. Chester F. Rouillard, commander of the 862d P.A. Bn.

It came as a birthday present to Lt. James Fielder assistant communications officer of headquarters battery. The order of the promotion was dated Oct. 25, Fielder's 24th birthday.

Lt. Earl L. Goddard, battalion motor officer, was the other to receive his silver bars.

the men for Sunday afternoon entertainment. Lt. O'Connell has arranged a stage and floor show this night and day spot which will be held every Sunday at 1500. The affair will be an open house for men of Div. Arty. and, like the Saturday evening program, will offer opportunities for soloists and groups to entertain their fellow soldiers. One of the features of this Sunday's program will be the initial appearance of the 50-voice Division Artillery choir.

## Officers Of 263d At Belvoir School

First Lieutenant William G. Bregartner and Lt. Jack V. Gunion, two of the six officers who have been selected from the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion to form a new cadre, are now attending a company commander's school at Fort Belvoir, Va., Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan announced today.

Lt. Bregartner was a platoon commander in the battalion's B Company and Lt. Gunion commanded a platoon of C Company. Lt. Louis Koblick is replacing Lt. Bregartner and Lt. Luther Hart has been assigned to Lt. Gunion's post.



"Herbert will be down in a minute, Corporal."

## The Wolf by Sansone



"Really—I don't understand why you two go into town every weekend. There's fully as much fun to be had right here in camp!"

# 300 AT FIRST DANCE STAGED BY ENGINEERS

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the gathering by personable T/4 James E. Burns, master of ceremonies, and later led the grand march.

Private James Mallison of Company A stopped the show with his baritone renditions of "Chloe" and "I'm Falling in Love with Someone." The battalion's vocal octet, nucleus of a projected glee club, sang "Carry Me Back to Where I Came From," paraphrased lyrics by Private Hallock Harmon of Company A, and also introduced new words to the melody of "Slum and Gravy."

All Co.s In Octet  
Members of the octet are Privates Charles Aiducavage, Company B; John Duncan, Glenn Rexroad, Hollis Harris and Albert Gearey, Company C; Herman Rosentsein and Mallison, Company A, and T/4 James E. Burns, Hq. and Serv. Co., Private Carl Schorn, Hq. and Serv. Co., accompanied the singers on the piano.

Special service's contribution to the program included imitations of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill by Cpl. Joe Pollock, piano selections by Private Paul Taubman and the singing of Sgt. Bob Peters. T/4 Jack Bracken introduced the guest stars.

# LOOK AT THOSE CHOWHOUNDS GO FOR THE EATS!



The WAC Detachment of the Camp staged its annual Halloween Frolic at Special Troops Rec. Hall last Saturday night. Photo shows eager GIs crowding around the table, heavily laden with delicious refreshments prepared by the WACs for the delectation of their guests.

# RECONS STAGE SHOW, DANCE

The 63d Reconnaissance Troop staged a variety show, "Recon Capers," and a dance following the show Wednesday night at Special Troops Rec. Hall. Members of the WAC Detachment were guests at the dance and two WACs, Sgt. Gladys I. Boswell and Pvt. Myrtle L. Henry, were members of the troupe which presented a series of acts preceding the dancing.

Sgt. Boswell impersonated a WAC officer in an orderly room skit, while Pvt. Henry participated in a melodrama in which a soldier abandons his sorrowing wife for the tinsel-bedecked halls of drink. Two civilian employes on the Post, Miss Ann Simmons and Miss Norma Wells, were also members of the cast of the melodrama.

Enlisted men who took part in the entertainment were: S/Sgt. Edward F. Veron and Sgts. Donald W. Wilson, William L. Hoatling, William H. Beebe, Stephen J. Smith, Adam Carliewicz, and Frank L. Carriera. Also Cpls. William F. Williams, Joseph A. Waugh, Moreau Schmitt and Privts. Earlold Lynd, Edward F. LeBouef and Norman Leckland.

The hall was decorated with cavalry yellow streamers. Refreshments were served during the course of the evening.

# Jr. Officers Win Mock Baseball Tilt

Junior officers of Division Headquarters beat a team of captains and majors last week in a mock baseball game, in which questions on combat umpiring were hurled at batters, a correct answer advancing the batter to one of the bases, or in the case of a very difficult question, counting for a home-run.

When the game was called off, the junior officers were leading by a score of 6 to 5, with two men on base and no-one out. The contest followed a conference and demonstration on umpiring supervised by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris. Other instructors were Col. John Mesick, Division Artillery Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Marion S. Schewe, Executive Officer of the 253d Inf., and Maj. Charles W. Wilmore, Executive Officer of the 863d F. A. Bn.

# Vitamin B-1 For GI Biscuits

The National Research Council's committee on food composition, after analyzing C and K rations, advocates adding Vitamin B-1 to the GI biscuits. This vitamin is guaranteed to produce out size flowers and vegetables, and when taken internally by humans it is said to stimulate the appetite. The scientists say that by adding it to the biscuits they'll be able to aid digestion.

# Passing GI's Pass Young Buck Home

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — The mother of Billy Franklin, a Nt him with his dad in Chicago. Dad, an Army officer, got orders to leave so he parked Billy with a soldier friend. The soldier got orders to move himself so he left Billy on another friend's doorstep. This fellow located Billy's mother here and that's where the kid is today.

# Even The Arabs Fall For Cuties

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — If Lt. Tom Thayer's fiancée, Mary, wasn't so good looking he might not be enjoying a leave here today. Forced to bail out of his Flying Fortress over Arab territory, Thayer showed natives Mary's picture and they were so impressed that they delivered him into friendly hands.

# APPLES HE ATE GO DOWN OKAY BUT THE UNEATEN FRUIT HURT

The Yardbird opened his gas mask and fished out an apple. "This here gask mask," he told Pvt. Stoddard White, BLOOD AND FIRE's staff writer, "is one of the best things the Army ever toined out. It keeps apples in prime condition. Also cigarets."

"Well, I don't know," White said, "You might want to use that thing in a hurry some day, and it would be mighty embarrassing if you had to pull out apples and cigarets to get to it."

A lot of bull  
"Thass a lot of bull," the Yardbird said contemptuously, "Thass the sort of stuff they feed you trainees to keep ya in line. They ain't nothin' to it. Take it from this here yarrboid. Thass strickly baloney."

White shrugged his shoulders. "Okay," he said, "but don't say I didn't warn you."

From outside the barracks came the shrill sound of the first sergeant's whistle. "Let's go, men," the topkick bawled.

The Yardbird hurriedly fastened his gas mask around him, dashed outside, and got in line. The company commander looked up and down the ranks.

Awful Nuisance  
"Men," he said, "this afternoon we are going to go through the gas chamber. There will be a deadly concentration of chlorine in the chamber, so you had better all be on the ball. It is an awful nuisance making out death reports."

The Yardbird started to wriggle his hand toward his gas mask. "Yer at attention, Yarrboid," the platoon sergeant growled. "Keep yer han' still, dammit."

"Snafu, why can't you keep your gas mask carried fastened like the other men?"

"Yessir," said the Yardbird, by now turning a delicate green, as he resnapped the flap.

The company marched along in silence for a while. The Yardbird's eyes circled around carefully. He raised his left elbow and tried to insert it between his body and his gas mask.

"Left shoulder ARMS!" came the command.

The Yardbird dropped his arm and hastily shifted his rifle. "I don't feel so good," he mumbled to his partner, White.

"What's the matter?" White asked.

"Too many apples," the Yardbird told him. "You shouldn't have eaten so many."

The Ones He Didn't Eat  
"It ain't the ones I ate that's botherin' me, it's the ones I didn't eat. I got 'em in me gask mask."

Coming around a bend in the road, the company came up to the gas chamber.

"This is it, men," said the company commander as he called the company to a halt.

There was a loud plop as the Yardbird dropped to the ground. "Wassa matter with him?" the platoon sergeant demanded of White.

White shook his head. "Too many apples, Sarge," he said, "Just too many apples."

# Inside-Out Shoes Will Be Worn By GIs

There are new GI shoes that'll trek towards Berlin and Tokyo with American doughboys in them. Known as Type 3, the new shoes have the smooth side of the leather on the inside. Strictly a fighting man's shoes, they will absorb dubbin better than the present ones, and will NOT take a shine.

# Piano Note

Is there a piano tuner in the house? If so, get in touch with Btry. C, 862d F.A. Bn. They now own a piano that needs tuning. Yes, they will pay to have it tuned.

# PAGE MR. RIPLEY

In a movement as vast as the creation of a Division like ours a fellow is lucky to find some one from his home town in the same camp.

But look at Tony Anyel and Nick Zita of Co. C, 253d Inf.:

They come from the same town—East Rutherford, N. J.—where they worked in the same department of a concern making hypodermic syringes for the Army (and possibly were "shot" with one they had helped shape). They were inducted the same day, entered the reception center together and then were "shipped" from Dix to Van Dorn on the same train.

Though their names are at the extremes of the alphabet they were assigned as riflemen to the same company. But, to top all, it was Anyel who introduced Nick to the young lady who is now Mrs. Zita!

NAPLES (CNS) — Allied troops here discovered a completely equipped aircraft engine factory hidden in four caverns under the city.

# Complete Record For Servicemen

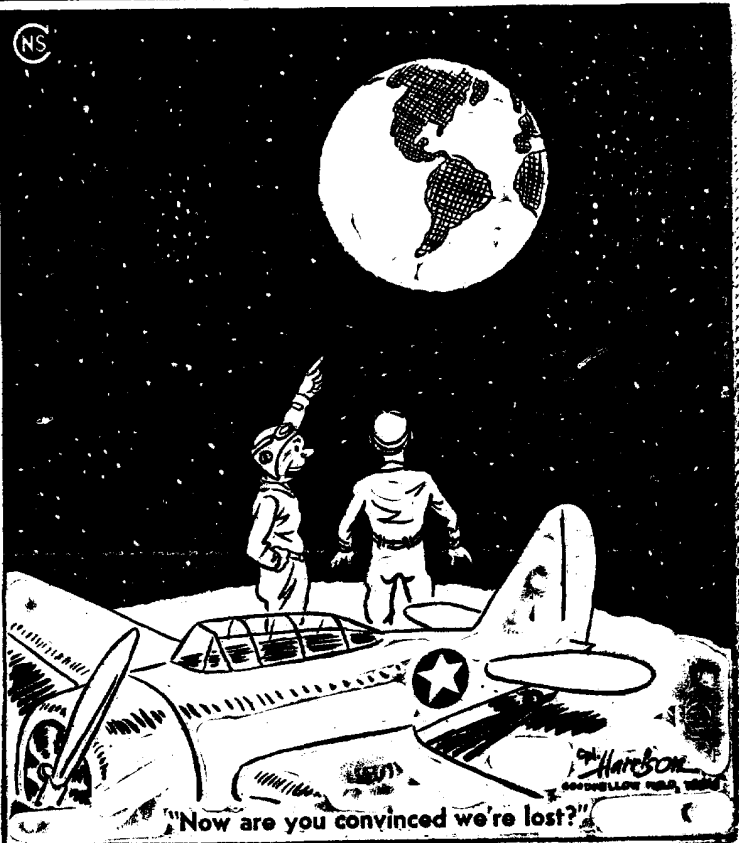
One of the most complete records of the war and the military service of the individual is provided for in a large leather service record presented to each of its employes by the Detroit News, which has several hundred stars in its service flag.

The book is intended not only to give the family a record of what its soldier, sailor or Marine is doing, but to provide the man with full mementoes of his service when he returns home.

The book includes space for a favorite photograph of the serviceman, photos of his civilian life, personal history, service record (including notes of weight gained or lost in service), dates of battles, citations, an envelope for discharge papers, pages for snapshots of life in service, a record of visits home, a history of events leading up to the war and a chronology of the war.

# KNOW THE SIGNALS

Bob Paffrath, former Minnesota back, was supposed to be civilian backfield coach of the Ft. Douglas (Utah) grid team this fall. But the day before Ft. Douglas played the Salt Lake City Air Base he was inducted into the Army. The next day Paffrath played in the Ft. Douglas backfield.



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## EDITORIAL

### Food For Thought

One of our editors received a letter from his brother in North Africa. It contained the following observation:

"... The Army is an awful lot different here than it is where you guys are. Maybe it's because there are no more 'dry runs' for us. On top of that, tell your men that they're griping about the wrong things. Their food is marvelous, and barracks are lovely. . . . You should come on over and see how ours are."

### What Price Entertainment?

The editors of BLOOD AND FIRE received a letter from a soldier in the 63d Division complaining about the fact that men of the Division had to pay to attend a show given here. We think the soldier has a logical complaint and one worth answering.

The letter writer specifically mentions the Nat Rodgers' show, "Corn's A-Poppin'" which ran here recently. Soldiers were charged twenty-five cents admission fee.

The Nat Rodgers shows are a private enterprise. They receive no funds from private contributors as does USO Shows, Inc. The only way Nat Rodgers has of financing his shows is to charge for them. If he couldn't charge for them, he couldn't bring them around for us to see.

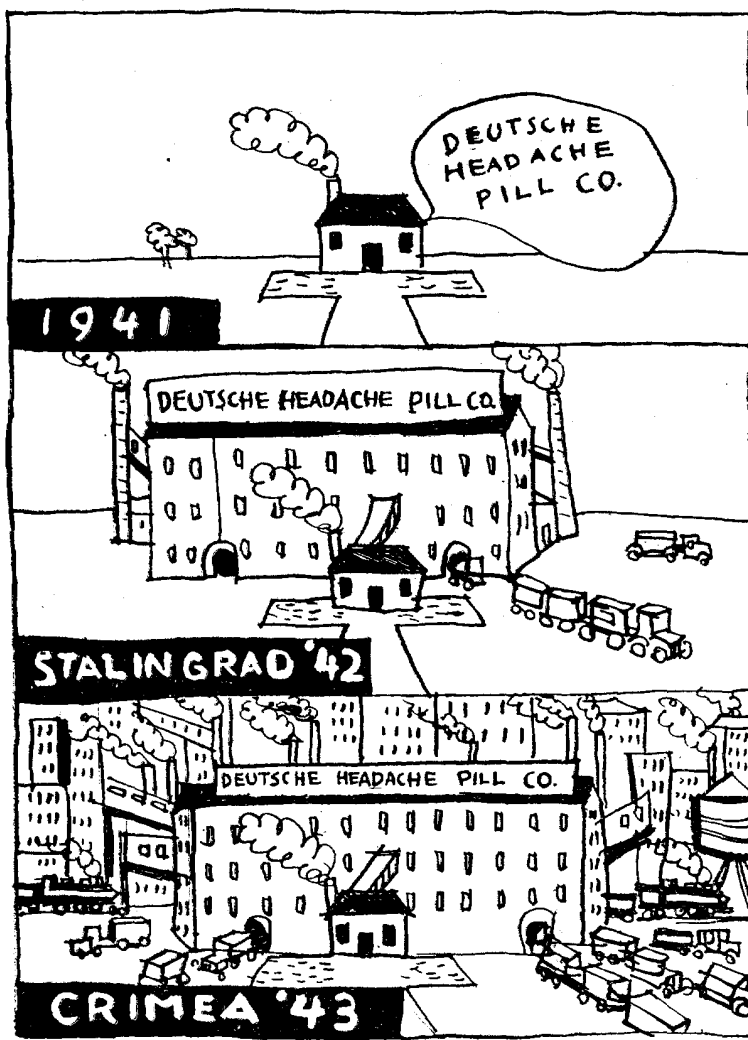
In his letter, the soldier makes the charge that most entertainment in the camp is run for the benefit of private enterprises. That is untrue. In the last few weeks we have had at Van Dorn, Dinah Shore, Annie Rooney, and the USO show "All Is Well." Shortly, Will Osborne and his Victory Parade will come here. These are all free.

There's another point we'd like to make here. As soon as some of us get into the Army we expect the world to revolve around us. Many of us think that the only function civilians have is to keep us happy — naturally at their expense. We're like pigs running to the trough, squealing if it hasn't been filled. Just because we're in the Army our motto becomes "The World Owes Us a Living."

In this war is a just one to fight—as it is—then who owes us anything for fighting? If it is right for every American of fighting age to be in the armed forces—as it is—then who are we to expect extras for doing the right thing? If we will share equally and more than equally in the benefits to be secured from victory—as we will—then why ask for extra payment when we have so large a stake in the fight?

Anything we receive free — shows, dances, entertainment—is not coming to us—is not owed to us—it's gravy, given out of the goodness of heart of others; given us because people outside realize how difficult is our job, how difficult it is for us to secure this relaxation ourselves, how much we need their freely given help.

No one owes us anything. If we get something gratis, let's be grateful.



## News From Here And There

### New Cream Aids Men In Tanks

FT. KNOX, Ky. (CNS)—A new cream has been developed which gives almost 100 per cent protection against flash burns up to nearly 1,000 degrees Centigrade, the Armored Force Command here has announced. It is expected that the cream will be especially effective in tank forces where burns account for one-third of all casualties.

### Censor Cannot Add Wit To Mail

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Military censors have no right to add their comments—even if they are funny—to the mail they examine, the War Department has ruled. Soldiers detecting any written comment on mail they receive are requested to report it to the Adjutant General.

### Patrolman Curses Chief By Mistake

YONKERS, N. Y. (CNS)—Patrolman Joseph Kasperan cursed a motorist at night. The motorist turned out to be the police chief. Kasperan was suspended.

### Three Schools Prep Men For West Point

WEST POINT, N. Y. (CNS)—Cornell Lafayette and Amherst are now "prepping" American soldiers, fresh from the fighting fronts, for West Point. The prep courses are designed to freshen up the academic memories of the soldiers, which have grown rusty on the battlefield.

### African Sands Hold K. C. Trolley Token

NORTH AFRICA (CNS)—"Ah," thought former Boy Scout Ebenezer Thresher, as he spied a coin gleaming through the ancient desert dust, "a rare old relic of some extinct civilization!" He picked up the coin. It was a Kansas City street car token.

### Ho, Hum, \$40,000 Mere Bagatelle To Sgt.

AUSTRALIA (CNS) — T/Sgt. George Elmer, of Columbus, O., won \$40,000 in a lottery here. "I thought I would hit one of these things sometime," he said calmly.

### Photo Catches Gen. Saluting Wrong Way

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Soldiers around town are one up on Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. A magazine recently published a picture of Gen. Marshall saluting—with his palm out.

Soldiers caught saluting in this manner might get company punishment, but most yardbirds in the Washington area were inclined to go easy on the General. "If he does it," they reasoned, "it's okay—for him."

### Bugler Plays Taps Right After Reveille

CAMP PICKETT, Va. (CNS)—Although a commanding officer had promised his soldiers an extra hour of sleep after a camp dance they were awakened the next morning at the usual time by a bugler's raucous reveille. The bugler, advised of his mistake, immediately sounded taps.

### Ex-Marine, 14, Will Become Ex-Husband

DENVER, Col. (CNS)—At 14, Tommy Hart is a veteran of both Midway and matrimony. He fought with the Marines in the Pacific until his age was discovered. After his discharge he came home and married Edna Pfost, 13. His mother has started annulment proceedings.

### Dishonors Family, Daughter Is Shot

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)—Under Gypsy custom Feres Alexandre, 25, calmly admitted to the Brazilian police here that he shot and killed his 18-year-old sister after her father charged her with dishonoring the family because she had an "affair" with a business man.

### WAVE Packs Chute For Marine Fiancee

LAKEHURST, N. J. (CNS)—Marjorie Reinhardt, a parachute rigger third class for the WAVES, packed a parachute for her fiance Pvt. Bill Bentley, a rigger instructor for the Marines who was making a 2,000-foot jump with a squad of trainees.

After Bentley had completed his successful jump, Marjorie rushed right up and gave him a healthy kiss.

# The Sky Pilot Says it

By Chaplain Dean W. Dryden, 254th Inf.

We often find people who get real enjoyment and satisfaction out of mountain climbing. There is a sense of achievement and mastery from such an experience. Likewise, there is a sense of satisfaction which comes to us all each time we master some obstacle of life.

However, we occasionally see men confronted by some rather minor problem which they look upon as a great unsurmountable difficulty. It is always a pitiful spectacle to see strong men making mountains out of mole hills.

The way we face life is largely a matter of our attitudes. Difficulty, more or less, is faced by every man. Yet, some men, holding an attitude of confidence, courage and hopefulness meet difficulties without hesitation and soon have the satisfaction of mastering them. While others, because of fear and lack of confidence, hesitate to throw themselves into the struggle. The result being failure to master their situation. It frequently happens that the man with limited abilities achieves more than others more capable, because he has the proper attitudes.

A healthy Christian faith is a most fertile soil for producing desirable attitudes. The master teacher remarked, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." It is also written, "Out of the heart are the issues of life." For the issues of life to be as they should be, our minds and souls must be fed on truth and reality. The Holy Book is one such source often sorely neglected. Worship, both private and public, is a vital source of help and hope for adequate living.

## G. I. Jingles

### SOUTH PACIFIC: 1943

At night in foxholes with the dead,  
How painful to recall your face and limbs,  
Beautiful always as the moon is,  
As clear, as intimate and lost.

Then I imagine you in autumn rain,  
The wet leaves and crushed fruit at your feet,  
A drabble-skirt wind odorous with earth,  
And heavy with my grave desire of you.

Pvt. Joseph Leonard Grucci,  
Co. "B," 263d Infantry.

### CARRY ME BACK TO WHERE I CAME FROM

#### Or. The Lament of a 263d Engineer Rookie

By Pvt. Hallock Harmon

Carry me back to where I came from,  
There's where the engineer's the guy who runs the train.

There's where my neckties are not all one color,  
There's where the bugle call is just an old refrain,  
There's where the scenery is pretty as a picture,  
There's where the brambles don't rip my face and hands.

There's where I travelled on springs and on cushions,  
There's where my Florsheims were never caked with sands.

Carry me back to where I came from,  
There's where I do not stand in line to get my meals,  
There's where the helpings are large, and the seconds  
Don't taste like salted glue and mildly parboiled heels,  
There's where I never was made to eat fried moth balls,

There's where the ice cream was not mixed up with stew.

There's where my contact with kitchens was scanty,  
Washing several dozen pots was stuff I didn't do.

Carry me back to where I came from,  
There's where the gutters and the sewers really drain,  
There's where the shower's right next to the bedroom.

There's where I never, ever had to stand in rain,  
There's where pontoons were the things they used on seaplanes,

There's where my rifle was good for hunting crows,  
There's where the D-handled shovel lies rusting,  
Not used for fox-holes, merely used for shovelling snows.

Carry me back to where I came from,  
There's where the pretty girls are waiting just for me,  
There's where I'll practice my creeping and crawling  
In and out of barrooms on one grand, continuous spree.

There's where close order drill might possibly be useful

With flasks to the right, to the left, and to the rear,  
There's where I wake up whenever I want to  
And, should I need it, I can drink a beer that's BEER.

### TAKE IT OFF

Pity the men of Division H-Q;  
What's happening to them shouldn't happen to you.  
Pity the men of the bare upper lip;  
Oh, the sight of that bare, vacant, unadorned strip  
Is enough to make cry either Sarge or recruit;  
Oh, weep for the space once so proudly hirsute.  
They all cry "take it off" in Division H-Q;  
And they mean the mustachios not burleycuc.

# DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

**63d Quartermaster Co.**—T/Sgt. Wilbur McCurry, S/Sgt. Thomas Towey, 1st Sgt. Joseph Melise and Sgt. Gaetano Triano are proud possessors of the Service Medal recently awarded to them. . . . The following promotions were announced at a recent retreat formation: Sgt. chevrons were awarded to Cpls. Louis Argieri and Sam Ginsberg, and T/4 Harold Hayes. The following were advanced to corporals: T/5's William Camp, Sam Ciervo, Nello Gatto, Jack Oltar, and Wendell Richardson, and Pfc.'s Edward Ingalls and Ben Velardo. The following were made T/5's: Vernon Annunziata, Cliff Bach, William Burke, Thomas Ciccarella, Ray Fava, Julius Gogolen, Francis Maher, Jack Mirman and Cpl. Donald McCarthy. . . . Cpl. Thomas Ciccarella was awarded a T/5 rating for having the cleanest and best-taken-care-of vehicle in the QMC, he received commendation from no less a personage than Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander.

**253d Inf.**—Big Joe Lane, Co. C. from Chattanooga, Tenn., has stood out above his mates not only because of his height but because of his performance on the range. He topped all those who qualified as experts. Bill Grogan from North Carolina, who says his hobby is hunting, proved he can also handle a rifle also by making top flight on the range. Those Coronas may not have gone so well with the younger soldiers in C Company but one doesn't go around saying "No" to the top sergeant, particularly when he is celebrating the birth of his first son. . . . The New Whewell christened Gary Bernard, has a pretty tough target to shoot at already; his "old man" was the youngest top kick in the 82d Div. when that outfit was stationed at Camp Claiborne. . . . Co. M has a brand-new radio in its dayroom, a present from the father of Pvt. K. Meyers. Pvt. Meyer's dad also presented members of the company with a supply of chewing gum which should last for the duration and six months.

**25th Inf.**—Pvts. John R. Cucco and Marion H. Tunstall are now T/5s. . . . The power of the human voice is often extraordinary and the voice of 1st Sgt. Walter C. Klein of Co. B is no exception to that rule. When the Sgt. sounds off it is rumored that his words can be distinctly heard as far as the 253d Inf. . . . Pvt. John Sontag is not a jack of all trades but he excels as a sign painter and a piano player. . . . Lts. Liburn S. Fullen and Norris W. Houser are pointing with pride these days. Lt. Fullen is the papa of a bouncing baby boy, David Leslie, and Lt. Houser has a new daughter, Susan Margaret Yvonne. Pvt. Robert H. Hudson also admits to being a new papa and it's a boy, born Oct. 17.

**863d P. A.**—Night bordering round Battery A of the 863d P. A. saw a few mishaps marred a recent maneuver in the darkness. One of the boys not quite used to the dark, stumbled into the tent of Lt. Kenneth C. Bauder—result, a collapsed tent, two broken poles and a surprised Lt. . . . Pvt. Tom Finan was made happy recently when he received an unexpected telephone call from his wife. Mrs. was at Centreville. Mess Sgt. Heyman Junge is taking a vacation from the kitchen for the next month. . . . Pvt. Dominick P. Mortosella is back in Barracks No. 3 after 13 days in the hospital. . . . Battery A was well represented in St. Francisville last weekend by Pfc. Louis Dunn and Pvt. Frank C. Prestler. . . . Some master-mind built a garage in the 863d's motor park and then, for some reason, had to tear it down again. . . . Men of Service Btry. have been having a tough time keeping buttons on their clothing, the reason—results of examinations taken by Btry. fillers disclosed that Service Batterymen pulled down the highest combined grades in the 863d. . . . Men of Battery B are warned not to lead with their chins when near the breech block of a howitzer. The boys have been doing especially well on maneuvers but when live ammunition is used in the near future it will be dangerous to get too close to the block.

The Missing Persons Bureau of Battery B was working overtime at a recent bivouac. Seven men were reported missing. Three returned, but the remaining four were found by Capt. Hall huddled together to keep warm.

**263d Engineers**—Newest grease monkey at the 263d Eng. Combat Battalion motor pool is Jack Raymond Poland, age four days. The blessed event brought congratulations to C. W. O. Raymond Poland, motor officer, who reciprocated with the customary cigars. . . . Lt. Luther Hart, reconnaissance officer who is attending the current Ranger school, is not going to wear his camouflage suit to chow anymore. Nobody could see him to pass the food. . . . The following men of the 263d celebrated birthdays this week: S/Sgt. Edward Steffens, T/4 Edward Catlin, T/5 Morris Gugig and Pvts. Robert Garter, Raymond Blake, Waedean Trotter, Vincent DeNunzio, Paul Marchant, William Miller and John Lochner.

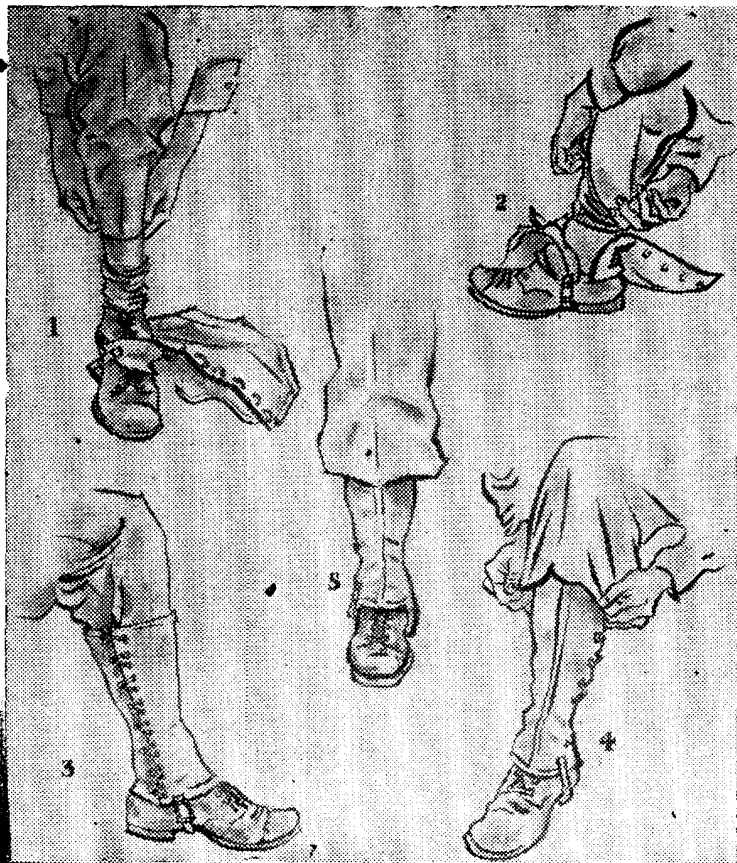
**253d Inf.**—Pvt. Johnny Yuskavitch, Co. A, couldn't get to sleep one night, so he counted sheep jumping over a fence. Believe it or not, says Yuskavitch, they were all keeping in step. . . . S/Sgt. Thomas Morgan, Co. A, reproached one of the men in his platoon for being a bolo. "I'm disappointed in you," Morgan told him. "I'm sorry," the private explained, "but the target kept dancing in front of my eyes." "In that case," said Sgt. Morgan, "We'll make you a bolero, instead."

**861st F. A.**—Pvt. Lloyd Simon Stull, former Coast Guard policeman in Gettysburg, Pa., celebrated his 22d birthday Oct. 14. Stull, who is married, expects to buy timber land after the war and plant black walnuts. . . . Another GI of the 861st whose birthday is in October is Pvt. Paul Shapiro, C Btry., who was 25 on the 18th. Shapiro formerly was top food buyer for Bamberger's, Newark's biggest department store and fourth largest in the country. He is a member of the Society of Gourmets, food experts. . . . Singer of Spanish songs, Pvt. Garcia recently received a photo of his family from New York which caused him to burst into song. . . . Pvt. Raphael Rivera of California, rated the fastest man in the Btry. He did some competitive running in civilian life.

**254th Infantry**—In Co. M. S/Sgt. Anthony W. Forgiome has been transferred as Mess Sergeant to Anti-Tank Company. Replacing him is T/4 William E. Kennedy. . . . Now, it's Sgt. Charles G. Klement. The ex-corporal is in charge of one of the company's two machine gun platoons. . . . Company M now has its own weekly newspaper, a two-column sheet.

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## S.O.P. IN 63D DIVISION



The above sketches by Staff Artist Ulfert Wilke show the S.O.P. wearing leggings. No. 1, grasp the trousers at the seams and fold back smoothly above the leg well above the shoes, crease straight to the front. No. 2, hold folded ends back with one hand and work sock up around bottom of trousers with the other hand. No. 3, both hands are now free to lace leggings (note freedom of trousers above knee). No. 4, fold trousers down neatly over top of legging, giving free action to knee. No. 5, done according to regulations, you have a well-finished job. (This illustration reprinted by request.)

## If They All Spoke At Once 13 Tongues Would Wag

Thirteen foreign languages are spoken by 36 of the men in Co. "A" 263d Eng. Bn., with Polish nosing out the Italian tongue by only one man.

A/Sgt. Alger A. Gustafson, Pvs. Frederick L. Wagner and Ernest E. Shanahan speak Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish respectively. Pvs. Emile M. Turotte, and Leslie E. Crowley speak French, and Pvs. Herman R. Rosenstein and Alfredo Yslas speak Spanish. T/5 William A. Dolosic, Croatian, Pvt. Stephen F. Matthey, Slovak, Pvt. Arthur Hochman, Yiddish.

The men who speak German are: Pvs. Charles Klein, Otto Lehre and Irvin E. Plusguellec; Hungarian, Pvs. Louis J. Barta, Alexander S. Becco, John F. Hydo and Joseph A. Kardos. The following 8 men speak Italian. Cpl. Robert Martino, Pvs. Peter P. Catto, Frank DeBrosky, Peter DiNuzzo, Thomas Giordano, Salvatore F. Langelotti, Floyd S. Rocco and Paul R. Rosso.

And the men who speak Polish are: S/Sgt. Boleslaus W. Stanley,

### Sally Will Dance Overseas Sans Fans

NEW YORK (CNS)—Fan dancing Sally Rand has announced that she's going overseas soon to dance for the troops in North Africa without her fans—fully clothed. "Never, never," said Sally, "would I fan-dance under military jurisdiction."

T/5 Edmund J. Zulka, Pvs. Joseph J. Bury, Nicholas F. Delale, Edward L. Lawniczak, John C. Marek and Frank Rynevich. Pvt. Delale also speaks Croatian, and Pvt. Marek speaks Russian.

The Engineers are proud of these men, and although the classification officers may not have considered the men's linguistic abilities when assigning them, it would be interesting to see what opportunity these men of Co. A will have to be interpreters.

### SERVICE CLUB NO. 2 HAS HARVEST DANCE

Service Club No. 2 was the scene of a Harvest Dance Tuesday night. Girls from McComb, Liberty, Gloster and Centreville were guests. The club's recreation room was decorated in autumnal colors and leaves. Wives and relatives of enlisted men, who reside at the Guest House No. 2, assisted the club's staff in arranging the decorations.

Music for the dancing was provided by the 364th Dance Band. A grand march opened the night's activities.

Another dance will be held at the Service Club Saturday night with girls from Vicksburg, wives and relatives of the service men, feminine employes on the Post, and members of the WAC Detachment as guests. The Vicksburg girls will journey 124 miles one way, at their own expense to be present at the dance.

## Inquiring Reporter

This week BLOOD AND FIRE asked sports-minded soldiers if they thought that the traditional practice of naming players to an All America football team should be discontinued because of the war and the conditions which have sent many players to large colleges because of the Navy V-12 program. Here are the answers:

Pvt. Cortland Kuchnert, Div. Hq. Co.—No I do not think they should pick an All America team this year. So many players have been drafted and have not had an opportunity to stay in college that I think they should skip this year at least.

S/Sgt. Jack Whitfield, Div. Hq. Co.—Yes, I think they should pick a team. It has been an annual custom and as long as football is being played as it is this year, I see no reason to abandon an old custom. The boys overseas are eager to read news of sports events and I think they'd be disappointed if tradition were not upheld.

Pvt. Chester Hostick, Div. Hq. Co.—Yes, I think they should name a team. It gives all the men playing the game this year an incentive to shoot at. Not all can become members of the mythical elevens but nevertheless, the chosen few will probably be the most deserving after all.

Pvt. Norman Kies, Div. Special Service—Most assuredly they should choose a team. I don't think, however, that they should include men who were former professional ball players. They should limit the selection only to those who are still amateurs and college boys.

Pvt. Joseph Larson, Div. Hq.—I don't think they should bother with it this year. So many men who might be eligible for places on the mythical team are in the service that I think it would be doing these men an injustice not to give them the chance to be on the team. Why not pick the Army or Navy team players and let it go at that.

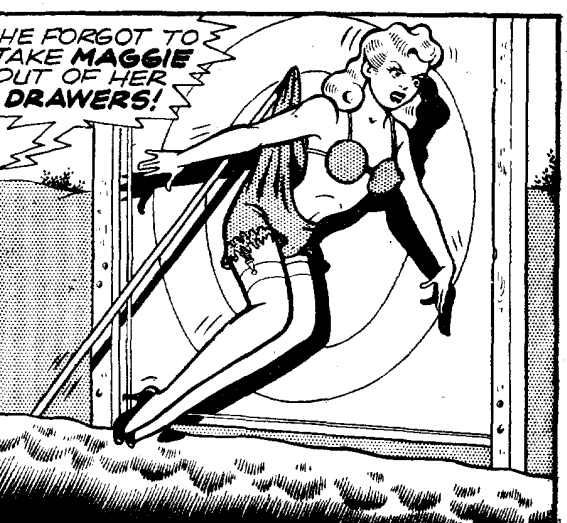
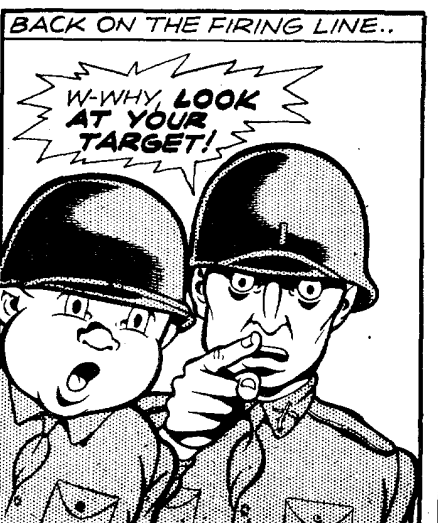
Pvt. Joseph Iarczewicz, Div. Hq. Co.—I think there should be an All-American selection made this year as well as any other. The teams are playing ball, and although many of them are bolstered by talent from the Navy a good man will shine no matter what team he plays with. Bertelli would be almost as good with any old team as well as with Notre Dame. Sure give the boys their due.

### Plenty Of Cigarets Needed Overseas

It takes 30,500 cigarettes a month to keep 1,000 men overseas smoking, or an average of about a pack a day per man, according to a recent War Department circular.

Other approximate requirements for 1,000 men for a 30-day period are 6,500 cigars, 24,000 bottles of beer, 1,495 packages of razor blades, 360 packages of pipe cleaners, 144 pocket combs, 6,240 packs of chewing gum and 8,000 bottles of soft drinks.

## BERNIE BLOOD



## HE GOT A MISS

## BY GILL FOX

# Cannoneers Lead 255th's Touch Football League

## SPORTS SWIRL

If you name them, the 63d can probably produce them.

Speaking strictly of sports the Division has men who have played practically every kind of game popular in the United States. There are numerous baseball players, pros and amateurs, many football players, and others who have dabbled in tennis, basketball, soccer, rugby, hockey and track.

The Division has three gents who have been calling 'em as they see 'em in football this season. Lt. Bernard Levkoff, in charge of athletics for Division Special Service, Sgt. S. B. Farmer, former high school coach, and Pvt. Norman Kies, whose specialty is baseball, have been officiating at home games for Woodville High School.

Cpl. Al MacKay of Div. Hq. football team was adjudged the leading batter in the recent series for the Division title. Al belted the apple for 666 ft. in the two-out-of-three game marathon. Norman Kies the Champions' catcher, got the longest hit, a homer in the opening game. Pvt. James O'Connor of the 255th made some of the neatest catches in the series.

The wily Mr. Lou Little, coach of Columbia's not so rampaging Lions, demonstrated that the much-talked-of "T" formation can be checked, for a while at least, by a team even as mediocre as the Light Blue.

When Columbia faced Army a few weeks ago Little instructed his linesmen to drop a half yard back of the scrimmage line. This maneuver served to knock the Army team's timing off and the Lions held the Cadets at bay for the whole first half.

The "T" formation is not new. Notre Dame used it for a number of years. It went out of circulation to a certain extent when the old 4-2-2, or box defense was conceived. Later Ralph Jones and Red Grange got the idea of shooting a man out to the flank at the start of play and back again came the "T".

Here are a couple of posers over which the grandstand quarterbacks, yes, and even the experts might ponder. In Saturday's game between Penn and Army, Penn had the ball at mid-field, fourth down, 10 yards to go, and only 40 seconds left in which to play. The score was tied 13-13. Quarterback Bob Odell of the Red and Blue called a running play. Joe Kane of the Quakers gained only a yard and Army took over on its own 47 with 20 seconds left.

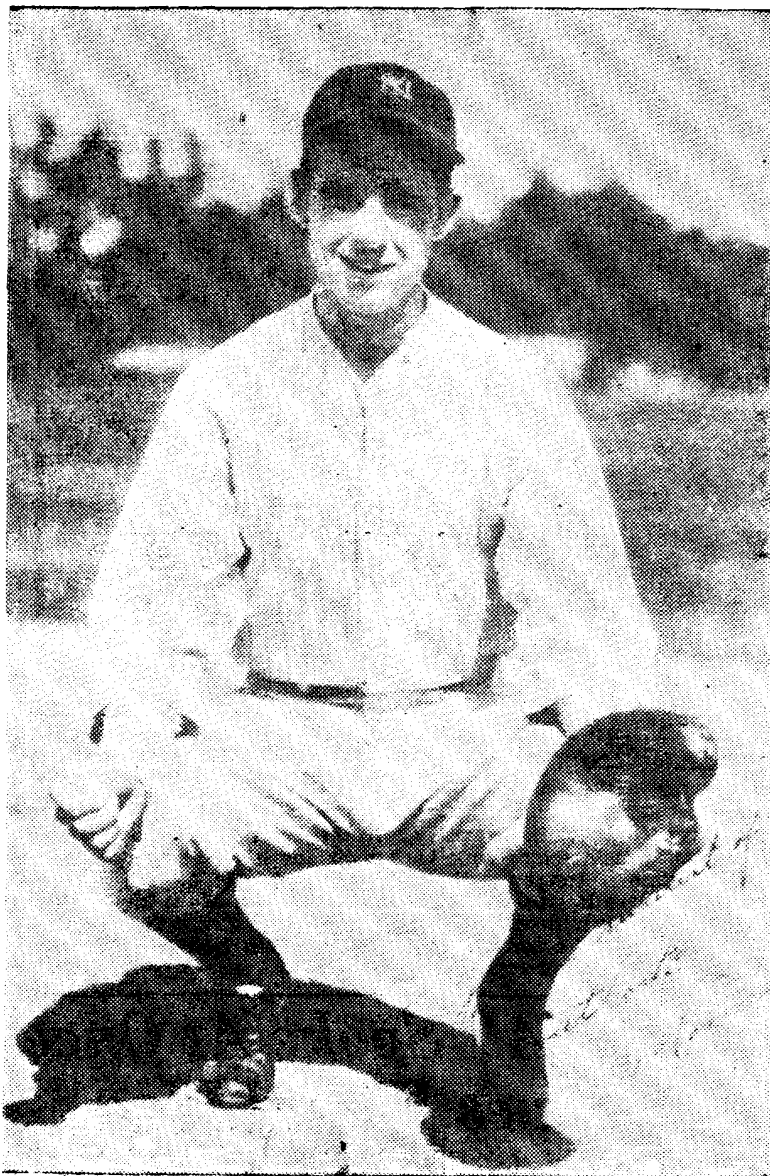
The Cadets had ample time to throw one of those prayer passes which, if it clicked might win the game and send the high-riding foe into defeat. As it was Army tried two passes, one was incomplete and the other was completed for a first down on Penn's 30 as the game ended. Question: How about Odell's judgment?

Closer to home was the backward run of Steve Filipowicz of Georgia Preflight in the game with Tulane Saturday which the Preflighters won, 14-13. Steve, an ex-Fordham star, received the pass from center on the Tulane 30, on fourth down with 31 seconds left in the game. He did an about face and ran all the way back to his own 34 as time ran out.

Suppose he had fumbled, or dropped the ball, or had been forced over his own goal line for a safety which would have given Tulane a 15-14 win. Just supposin'.

1st Sgt. Dorothy Auman, top kick of the Keesler Field WAC Detachment, has beaten male GIs three times in bowling tournaments. Her average is better than 140.

### HIS FIRST LOVE IS BASEBALL



## If There Were No Dickey, Kies Might Have Been Tops

If a star of the magnitude of Bill Dickey had not zoomed across the baseball horizon during the late 20's the name of Norman Kies might have figured prominently in the roster of the New York Yankees during the last decade.

Kies, now a Pvt. attached to Division Special Service, had a chance to go with the New York Yankees as catcher when he left college in 1930. He was signed with the Toledo Mud Hens of the American Association that year, caught for the Hens for 30 days, and was purchased by the Yanks for \$25,000 for delivery in 1932.

Huggins Issues Bid  
The lad, whose home town was Toledo where he starred in baseball, football and basketball, caught the eye of Frank Gilhooley, one-time major league star. Gilhooley notified the Yanks that there was an up-and-coming prospect in Kies and the late Miller Huggins interviewed Norman, watched him work, and offered him a spot in the Ruppert circuit.

Kies was torn between his love for baseball and the desire to further his education. At the time the latter won out and he attended the University of Michigan for a year where he played quarterback on the freshman football team. The lure of baseball was too much that summer however, and he signed with the Mud Hens.

Career Threatened  
The budding backstop was sent by the Yankees to Jersey City in 1932 but in 1933 he became part of the Newark Club when the Bears were taken into the Yankee fold. It was during that year that Kies's baseball career almost came to an end when a foul ball zipped off a bat and crashed through the left side of his mask.

He was taken to a hospital with a badly lacerated eye and possible brain injury. At six o'clock that night a hurried mes-

sage was received from the Yankees asking him to report for duty. Jurgens had been injured and they needed a relief backstop. Kies spent 20 days in the hospital and the balance of that year recuperating from his injury.

### Works With Yanks

At the start of spring training in 1935 Kies was invited to Florida to work out with the Yanks. He remained two months with the Ruppert Rifles and then returned to Newark. He went back to train with the Yankees in 1935 but this time he was sent to Columbus. After the passage of a month he went to Oakland, Calif. where he caught for two seasons.

In 1938 Kies was sold to Montreal and the team finished second to his old club, Newark, which was out in front by 22 1/2 games. The seasons of 1939, 1940 and part of 1941 saw him catching for Montreal. He was sold to Knoxville, Tenn., during the latter part of 1941 and was voluntarily retired at the end of the season.

### LSU Eleven Plays Ga. Tech Tomorrow

The Louisiana State Tigers play their semi-final game of the season Saturday when they face the strong Georgia Tech eleven at Atlanta. Ga. Tech has lost three games in six played to date, bowing to Notre Dame, 55-13, Navy, 28-14, and Duke 14-7. It has defeated North Carolina, 20-7, Georgia Preflight, 35-0, and Ft. Benning, 27-0.

Louisiana State, its attack spearheaded by big Steve Van Buren, has won five out of six games to date amassing a total of 136 points to 75 for its opponents. Last Saturday the Tigers downed Texas Christian University's team, 14-0, in the last home game for the victors. Saturday's game will be played in the afternoon and the final contest will be with Tulane at New Orleans.

### HEY FELLAS, LOOK!

Brand new athletic equipment to delight the hearts of basketball players, boxers, wrestlers and those seeking gym exercise, is being installed in Camp Rec. Halls this week by Division Special Service.

New basketball standards and nets, collapsible boxing rings with mats, tumbling mats, four speedbags and one heavy training bag, parallel bars and horses are among the items listed.

## DIVISION GOLF TOURNEY NOV. 14

An 18 hole medal tournament, open to all golfers in the Division, will be staged at the Duncan Park Municipal Golf Course, Natchez, starting at 0900 Sunday Nov. 14. Nine holes will be played in the morning and the remaining will go to the victor.

Entries for the tournament may be filed through regimental special service officers on or before Friday, Nov. 12.

The tournament will be divided into two flights, necessary. The first half will be staged on the 14th, and the second half on Nov. 21. This may be necessary because all golfers desiring to participate may not be able to do so on the first day.

Provisions have been made to serve lunch to contestants in the tournament on both days.

Par for the Duncan Park links is 72. The sixth hole, 540-yards, is the longest on the course. Par for this hole is five strokes.

## ARMY-IRISH TOP GRID CARD

Although Angy Bertelli and his educated pitching arm will be absent, the annual Army-Notre Dame game at Yankee Stadium still looms as the Nation's No. 1 football attraction this Saturday. A crowd estimated at 75,000 is expected to witness the struggle. Soldiers of the 63d may hear the broadcast of the game as it will be carried by all three major networks.

Army's luster as a formidable foe for the high riding Irish was dimmed somewhat last Saturday when it was held to a 13-13 tie by Penn's strong unit. It is tradition, however, that the cadets always fight their hardest against the South Benders and tradition is expected to hold this week-end.

Not since Ray Stecker galloped 60 yards in mud and rain to sew up a 12-0 victory, has the Army defeated the Irish and the West Point team despite its deadlock with the Quakers will be up for the big game. Notre Dame will not be caught without a passer, despite Bertelli's absence. Coach Frank Leahy has been grooming Johnny Lujack for the emergency but whether he can stand under the pressure is a question.

Other standout grid games set for Saturday will pit Penn against Navy, Temple against Holy Cross, Penn State against Cornell, Ohio State against Pitt, Indiana against Michigan, Purdue against Minnesota, SMU against Texas Aggies, and USC against San Diego Naval.

## Ducks, Geese Jam State Waterways

With what is estimated to be the largest flight of both ducks and geese in 25 years already peppering the waters of bayous, lakes and rivers in Mississippi and Louisiana, hunters in this area have been out in full force since Tuesday when the season officially opened in this state.

This section of the Southwest is considered one of the finest in the entire United States for hunting ducks and geese. This year, however, the activities of scatter-sire to hunt.

## TEAMS COLLIDE FOR REGIMENTAL TITLE SATURDAY

Play in the Division Touch Football tournament has shifted into high gear and competition among teams in the various units is keen. One champion has already been crowned in the 255th Inf. The Cannon Co. eleven trounced the Service Co. team, 46-0, last Saturday to win the honors in the Regiment's League for Special Units. This Saturday the Cannon Co. is scheduled to play the winner of the 3d Bn. circuit, Co. M is the favorite to win the crown in that particular loop.

In the other leagues within the 255th, the race appears to be close with Co. A and Co. D leading contenders in the 1st Bn., and Co. H and Hq. Co., deadlocked in the 2d Bn. The Cannon Co. won four games straight to gain undisputed possession of first place in the Special Units race.

### Antosiewicz Stars

Hudson, Antosiewicz, Bigos and Semple, starred for the Cannoneers in their one-sided triumph over the Service Co. Antosiewicz was particularly brilliant on defense intercepting four passes. He raced 50 yards to score on one interception. Quarterback Eddie Sroka starred for the losing eleven.

With two victories and no defeats, the Medics won the title in the league for Special Troops in the 254th Inf.'s tourney. The Pill Rollers because of their play, loom as the strongest contenders for the regimental title. Co's B and D are tied for the lead in the 1st Bn. Co. H holds the edge in the 2d Bn. and Co. I tops the 3d Bn.

### Co. F Wins, 18-0

Company F started strong in the 2d Bn. by blanking Co. E, 18-0. Privts. Paul Satorius, Ed Cubicciotti, Bill Stough and Cpl. Bob Presoch starred for the winning team. In a second game, however, Co. H nipped the short winning streak of F by scoring a 6-0 victory. Co. A, after losing one, staged a comeback to defeat Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 12-0. Two passes, one from Cpl. Brewer to Pvt. Balchan, and another from Brewer to Pvt. Bookbinder, accounted for the touchdowns.

The 255th Inf. eleven defeated the 763d Ordinance, 14-0, Friday, scoring two touchdowns and a safety. The safety came in the second period and then in the third Sgt. Bayler of the M.P.'s registered when he took a 20-yard pass from S/Sgt. Witham, a substitute, and crossed the last white line. In the final heat Pvt. Evans scored on a 30 yard pass also pitched by Witham.

### Boxers Training In Div. Rec. Halls

Boxers of the division, both newcomers to the fight game, and amateurs who have seen considerable ring action, are working out weekly in the various Rec. Halls in preparation for the Division tournament which will be staged soon.

From among survivors of the final round a special boxing team will be chosen to represent the 63d in outside competition. The Division team will meet college teams such as LSU, Tulane and squads from other camps.

gun devotees will be curtailed to a great extent because of the limited amount of ammunition available.

The federal government has allotted a million and a half shells for duck hunting but reports from dealers in Mississippi indicate that the supply is very short.

The season will last until Jan. 10. It will start each day at 30 minutes before sunrise and extend until sunset. Federal duck stamps must be obtained by all who desire to hunt.

Leading The Batting Order In Two Leagues



Hq. Btry., Division Artillery is so proud of its record of having the entire outfit subscribed 100 per cent to war bonds and to BLOOD AND FIRE. 1st Sgt. Bernard Wunch is shown hanging out the signs proclaiming these achievements to the rest of the division. Capt. Edward W. King, commanding Hq. Btry., watches the proceedings.

TEMPERATE BEER DRINKER, TILLIE IS 718TH MASCOT

Tillie drinks beer, but never to excess. She eats almost anything, but never gluttonizes. The only blot on her service record is that she has lost her dog tags.

Tillie is a six-weeks-old fox squirrel, official mascot of the 718th F. A. Bn. Cpl. Arthur Woerner, of Long Island City, N. Y., battalion mail orderly, has been her keeper and provider ever since she was found, a two-weeks-old bundle of damp fur, near Centreville.

Never Over the Hill

The mascot has the free run of Bn. Hq. and the mail room. Although she never has been restricted to quarters, she has made no attempt to go AWOL. She often wanders off during the daytime, and once was found two batteries away, watching a ball game, but she always returns, especially when there is chow in the office.

Tillie's first diet was milk, which she took from an eye dropper lent by T Sgt. Reginald Bloomer, Jr., of Bn. S-3. She graduated quickly to more solid foods. Bread she takes as a last resort, and only once was she tempted by crisp bacon. Currently she subsists on pecans, of which the battalion has obtained a large supply.

Has Inquisitive Nature

Especially friendly, the little squirrel will climb all over any man who approaches, scampering up and down his clothes in a search for anything interesting in his pockets. Originally she lived, traveled and

slept in a pocket of Woerner's fatigues, but now her home is a box in the mail room.

By special order, Tillie was permitted to wear only one dog tag, on the theory that two would be a tremendous millstone around her half-inch neck. The tag, thoroughly GI, was cut down to something like her size, but still remained large enough for her name and her eight-digit serial number, 00000000. Unfortunately, she lost the tag recently, and Woerner has asked that anyone finding it return same to Bn. Hq.

"Officially adopted as a member of the battalion, Tillie leads all the best of a soldier's life," Cpl. Woerner says. "She gets all the pleasant things—plenty of sleep, plenty to eat, the freedom of the battery area—but is specifically relieved of fatigue duty, shots, dental appointments and other unpleasant details."

SHORTY FOR SHORT

Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 255th Inf., has a man in its communications platoon who claims the shortest name in the 63d Division. He is Pvt. Blase Ur—who defies anyone in the division to claim a shorter name. The radio section of the same platoon has an operator whose last name is Ditto. Also in the company is a Salmon and a pair of Champions.

THEATER SCHEDULE

Theaters No. 1 and 2 Starting Times—No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810.

- Nov. 5-6 Lassie Come Home, with Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp, Edmund Gwenn. 7-8 The Iron Major, with Pat O'Brien and Ruth Warwick. 9 Find the Blackmailer, with Jerome Cowan and Faye Emerson. 10-11 Northern Pursuit, with Errol Flynn and Julie Bishop. 12 Never a Dull Moment, with Ritz Brothers, Frances Langford and Mary Beth Hughes.

Theater No. 5

- Nov. 5-6—Crazy House, with Olsen and Johnson. 7-8 Lassie Come Home, with Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp and Edmund Gwenn. 9-10 The Iron Major, with Pat O'Brien, Ruth Warwick. 11 Find the Blackmailer, with Jerome Cowan, Faye Emerson.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services

- Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900. Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000. Chapel No. 7, 1100. Chapels No. 8, 10, 1800. Chapel No. 5, Vesper Service, 1815.

Chapel No. 10, Service, 1600.

Weekday Services

- Chapel No. 5, Thursday, 1830. Chapel No. 7, Thursday, 1917. Chapel No. 10, Thursday, 2000.

Mormon Services

Sunday

- Chapel No. 8, 1400.

Roman Catholic Mass

- Chapels Nos. 5, 7, and 10, 0800. Theater No. 5, 0900. Chapel No. 7, 1000. Theater No. 1, 1030. Chapels Nos. 6 and 10, 1100.

Evening Mass

- Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.

- Chapel No. 7, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 1830.

- Chapel No. 8, Tuesday and Thursday, 1830.

- Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday, 1830.

- Confessions, all chapels, 1900-2100, Saturday, (except Chapels Nos. 6, 8.)

Jewish Services

- Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Conservative Service, 2000. Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Orthodox Service, 2100. Chapel No. 10, Friday night, Conservative, 2030.

Christian Science Reading

- Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.

Seventh Day Adventist

- Chapel No. 9, Friday, 1930.

Lutheran

- Theater No. 5, Sunday, 1000. urday (except Thursday), 1830.

- Chapel No. 5, Novena Mirac

Kimbrough A Pilot

Lt. John Kimbrough, All-American fullback at Texas A. and M. in 1939 and 1940, has reported for duty at Kirtland Field, N. M., after completing his training at the Maria, Texas, twin-engine advanced flying school.

In Army slang, the guardhouse is often known as Battery Q or Barracks 13.



Q. What is the origin of Retreat?

A. Music played at the ceremony of Retreat, according to Maj. Edward J. Hanson, of the Army Air Forces Command at Lynbrook, L. I., comes originally from the French Cavalry Retreat, its notes dating back as far as the Crusades. The song was first introduced as legitimate music by the composer Louis Berlioz in La Damnation de Faust and was used as a trumpet call by French soldiers on the plains of Hungary. When Retreat became a military ceremony at a later date, a gun was fired at sundown as an outgrowth of the ancient custom of making a loud noise to frighten away the evil spirits of darkness.

A. These deposits are made through any disbursing officer in sums of not less than \$5. The disbursing officer will furnish a receipt to each depositor in a soldier's deposit book bearing the name, grade, serial number and organization of the depositor showing the date, place and amount of the deposit.

Q. Are soldiers permitted to work for profit in off duty hours?

A. The War Department has authorized commanding officers to permit soldiers to work during off duty hours. Farm work and food processing, including canning, freezing, refrigeration, dehydrating and packing of fresh commodities, are generally permitted in nearby communities, provided an emergency exists because of a shortage of available farm or food processing labor.

Q. How are soldiers' deposits made?

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

My first tip this week has to do with rumors. I hate the damned things because they're always getting you worked up and then letting you down. In war time they are as thick as fleas on a dog's back, or alibis on the range, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred, they're just as worthless.

I once had a company commander who used to show how rumors are started by lining up a dozen men, whispering something to the first one and telling him to pass it on to the next one. When it reached the last man, it wasn't even a fifth cousin of the dope he had given the first man. That's just the way rumors get going. Each person adds a few of his own ideas, and pretty soon it's like a snowball going down hill. The hell of it is that no one adds anything good or true, it's always false or bad—and just try to trace one. It can't be done.

As a matter of fact, rumor starting is one of the tricks of Hitler's hoodlums to get our goats. There's only one kind of move that's better than a rumor monger. So take a tip from an old Sarge and don't be one.

Now I'm going to talk a little bit about your outfit and how an outsider who knows his stuff can tell whether it's any good. He usually wants to know three things in order to make up his mind. First he'll want to see your shooting record. Good outfits shoot well. Then he'll want to see you march. And when I say march, I'm talking about one of those twenty or 25 mile grinds. Good outfits don't come in with a trail of stragglers like Halley's Comet. Each man makes up his mind to "be good to the last drop." Good outfits march well. Then he'll ask for the number of venereals. Good outfits don't have any. Yes, you show me an outfit that shoots and marches well, and keeps out of trouble, and I don't need any more proof. I know they've got the other things: morale, military courtesy, discipline, leadership—and all the rest of the things that go to make top-fighters.

I have a hunch that there are plenty of these outfits in the making in the 63d because you sure look good to me. You're certainly growing up in a hurry. But take a tip from me. Rome wasn't built in a day, and you don't make top-notchers overnight. So don't slope off.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

page mimeographed paper called "Forward March." Editor is Pvt. Dick Frowenfeld. . . Acting corporal's brassards are proudly being worn by the following men in Hq. Co.: Pvts. Wilton Herring, Charles B. Eddy, and Wm. J. Strelbel, all of 2d Bn.; Pvt. Cecil Olson, of Anti-Tank; and Pvts. Delmar R. Holland, Jos. Scheppe, Claude McBride, of A-P. Pvts. Chas. R. Chapman, Jack H. Davis, and Harold Mauser, of Anti-Tank are now acting sergeants.

Div. Ho. Co.—Recent promotions include Pfc. Richard T. Lister and Alphonse McKay to corporal; Pvt. Gene Mariotti to T/5, and Pvt. Morris Klass, James P. McCabe, Lester Victorson, James Meade, F. A. Lilienkamp and Kenneth Hayes to Pfc. The latter three are with the Ranger platoon.

Male Call

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



Elevation Not Corrected For Recoil

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# WILL OSBORNE HERE THURSDAY ON RADIO SHOW

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organized his first band, a six-piece combination, in the United States back in 1926. With the advent of the radio crooner about 1930, Osborne and his bandsmen, numbering 13, hit the airways, and his success mounted each succeeding year.

During the period of his ascendancy to dance band fame, Osborne set an unprecedented mark of 14 broadcasts in one week over the five major New York stations and the three national networks.

While the success of his old band was motivated almost entirely by Will's voice and personality, it wasn't in the least neglected from a musical standpoint. Experimenting with different effects, Osborne was one of the first band leaders to use a four-man saxophone section, adding a baritone sax to the normal two altos and one tenor combination. He was also among the first to have his lead saxophonist play melody on the tenor saxophone.

### Coast-To-Coast Trek

During 1942 Osborne and his band travelled from coast to coast. He played at the Palomar at Los Angeles, and from there went to the Beach Walk on a three-week engagement at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. The three weeks stretched into eight because of the popularity of the band.

Following this the band played for innumerable college proms and at several theaters.

Will and his boys stepped into the big time when Artie Shaw abandoned his orchestra at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, six weeks before Glenn Miller was scheduled to open, at the bridge between these two outstanding orchestras, the Statler management of the Pennsylvania chose Will.

### Beer Party Staged By Co. F, 254th Inf.

A beer party and snack supper marked completion of a step in the MTP last week for Co. F, 254th Inf. Company talent and group singing provided the entertainment. Vocal stars of the program were Pvt. Abner Levy and the 3d Platoon Trio, consisting of Pvt. Harry Heidrick, Bill Hodges and Aaron Trubakoff. Lt. Archelaus Hamblen played several ukelele solos, and Lt. Max Semel was master of ceremonies.

### Four Enlisted Men Advanced In Grade

Four enlisted men of the 862d F. A. Bn. are now wearing additional chevrons as the result of an announcement of promotions made last week at a retreat ceremony by Maj. Harold S. Garceau, battalion executive.

T/5 William E. DeGraff of C battery was promoted to sergeant; Pvt. William C. Evans of C battery to corporal; Pfc. James R. Highsmith of the Medical Detachment to T/5; T/5 Elmer E. McKinion of Headquarters battery to T/4.

### GEN. EISENHOWER LAUDS DOUGHBOYS

The Johnny Doughboys of this war recently received high praise from a man who ought to know.

Speaking to a group of war correspondents, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told them, "Don't forget the foot-fighter's days and nights in mud and cold, and the endurance he has exhibited."

"The accomplishments of this indispensable member of the air-ground-naval team will, when the story is fully told, fill many of the brightest pages of our war history. This is something," the General continued, "I have kept for a long time. It comes from the heart."

## WRAP SECURELY, INSCRIBE PROPERLY



T/5 Vincent Fuery of Div. Hq., attached to APO 410, is shown holding a copy of BLOOD AND FIRE properly inscribed for mailing. Hundreds of copies of the Division newspaper are mailed to home folks weekly by their Doughboy relatives and friends. Some find their way to the dead letter desk, however, because of improper markings or insufficient postage. Wrap securely, inscribe properly, use 1 1/2c stamp.

### GI Wins Free Call But Folks Are Out

Last Sunday Pvt. Bernard Klein, Co. L, 253d Inf., won a free phone call to anywhere in the U. S. A. as monthly high-scorer in the "I Know the Answer Hour" contests held each Sunday afternoon at 1500 by the Centreville USO. The operator rang a number in Bernie's home town, Mattapan, Mass. She rang, and rang again, but it was no go—there was no answer. So Bernie was given a TS slip and a chance to place the call again later at his own convenience.

Winner of two steak dinners in Sunday's contest was Pvt. Charles Coyte, of Englewood, N. J., who is attached to Co. L, 255th Inf., and winner of a single steak dinner was Pvt. Fred Heimer, Co. I, 24th Inf. Fred is from Tarrytown, N. Y. Runners up in the contest, who split a carton of cigarettes, were: Pvt. Herbert Silverman, Reg. Hq., 254th Inf., and Daniel Galanty, Co. B, 254th Inf., both of Newark, N. J., and Al Weinstein, Co. H, 254th Inf., of New York City.

### POST OFFICE ADDS DISTRICT NUMBERS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Postal district numbers have been established for use in more than 100 cities by the United States Post Office Department and you'd better include them in the letters you write your various gal friends or Uncle Sam won't help you with your woomancing by mail.

The larger cities have been divided into districts and each district is numbered. The number, which you and nobody else MUST write in each and every address helps 4F postal clerks sort your mail into the correct pigeon holes for speedy delivery. (All the 1A clerks are handling APO mail these days).

For instance if your honey lives in an E. 42d street apartment in New York City, you should address her letters "Miss Rose O'Day, 305 E. 42d St., New York, 17" and be sure that "17" is there or she may never get your latest love sonnet.

Taxpayers in Illinois who are in the armed forces will not be charged interest on delinquent 1943 or 1944 real or personal property taxes.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

Add appropriate names in the 63d Div.:  
Sgt. Sargent, whose first name is Wilmer, is an NCO of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf.  
Mail call in Co. C, 254th Inf., is sounded by Pvt. Call, whose first name is Alton L.  
And Div. Hq. Co. has Private First Class Klass, whose given name is Morris.

### Co. G, 255th Lists Eleven Promotions

Co. G, 255th Inf., lists the following promotions: 2nd Lt. Russ Lamb, the executive officer, to 1st Lt., 2nd Lt. Stanley S. Rife, 1st platoon leader, to 1st Lt.

The following enlisted men were promoted from Pfc. to Cpl.: John H. Jubesh, Roman Wrek, Jack Litt, Marvin Ford, Charles Sass, Warren Freese.

The following privates were promoted to Pfc.: Claude Atkins, Peter W. Timmerman.

### AT THE SERVICE CLUBS

Service Club No. 1

FRIDAY—Quiz.  
SATURDAY—Dancing.  
SUNDAY—Hymn Sing.  
MONDAY—Community singing.  
TUESDAY—Variety Show.  
WEDNESDAY—Bingo Night.  
THURSDAY—Variety Show.

Service Club No. 2

SATURDAY—Dancing.  
MONDAY—Free Night.  
TUESDAY—Dance.  
WEDNESDAY—Variety Show.  
THURSDAY—Open Night.  
MONDAY—Free Night.

# CHINA BEST ARMY STATION BEFORE WAR, SAYS LT. PAGE

Lt. John G. Page, Personnel Officer of 63d Special Troops, has seen service in almost every peacetime Army post overseas. China, Hawaii, Panama, the Philippines—he reels off the names with familiarity.

He's been in eight different regiments as well as a host of headquarters and commands.

He's been a boxer. Batamweight champion of the white troops in the Philippines in 1926, Lt. Page was defeated for the Island championship by a Negro soldier.

### Was Radio Announcer

He's also been a radio announcer, broadcasting prize fights for three years, three nights a week, from Oahu. In Panama he broadcast Kolynos "Double or Nothing" program as well as "Our Army." He's one of the few foreigners to hold a radio announcer's license from the Republic of Panama.

During his 18 years in the Army, Lt. Page has known many men who have risen high in the Army. Lt. Gen. Eichelberger was a colonel when Page knew him. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, the 63d's Assistant Division Commander, was G-2 in Panama when Page was there. The 63d's Chief of Staff, Col. Earl G. Wheeler, arrived in China on the same boat on which Page left. His own commander, Lt. Col. John M. Underwood, was in Panama when he was there, and they knew each other.

### China Best Post

China, for Page's money, was the best peacetime Army post. There was no KP, no policing up no fatigue details. Every bar had its houseboy to take care of those little matters. For 80 cents a month you got a shave every day and a haircut whenever you wanted it. Soldiers lived in brick barracks rented by the Army in the American Compound in Tientsin.

His first hitch Page spent in the Philippines. It took 30 days for the Army Transport Thomas to get from San Francisco to the Islands. There were no regular showers aboard.

"Every day," Page says, "they used to make the men take salt-water showers to keep them from getting lousy."

### Hard Boiled Eggs

For drinking purpose the men were issued one canteen of water



LT. JOHN G. PAGE

a day. And the food—"They used to serve hard-boiled eggs that were so hard, that if you dropped them, they would have gone right through the bulkheads."

One of his best remembered experiences was the time he spent guarding a Philippine soldier who had contracted leprosy. That was almost 20 years ago and doctors didn't know as much about the disease as they do now. They thought that it could be contracted merely by coming into contact with a leper. So Page's job was to see that dishes from which the leper ate were washed in acid and that hospital orderlies who waited on him washed their hands in a special acid preparation.

### In Panama Dec. 7, '41

Dec. 7, 1941 found the short, stocky, red-faced lieutenant in Panama. Within hours after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, intelligence men were rounding up dangerous aliens. Prisoners were brought in wearing the same costumes they had on when apprehended—evening gowns, pyjamas, butcher's aprons, everything. And while the internees were being processed, Army Engineers worked furiously constructing a stockade around the processing group.

# U.S. CITIZENSHIP HARD TO ATTAIN, CORPORAL FINDS

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"enemy alien." So Walter bided his time with a civilian "shore" job. He read in the papers of the Nazi conquests, and was particularly pained at the march into the City of Waltzes, for he had been unable to contact his mother, whom he had left there when he steamed off to sea. He has never heard from her since.

But after Japan's infamous stab in the back at Pearl Harbor, the government sought ALL eligible young men for the armed forces, and made it comparatively easy for non-citizens to take out citizenship papers while in the Army or Navy.

### Trained at Camp Croft

From the 1229th Reception Center, Fort Dix, N. J.—a center familiar to large numbers of Division men from the New York and New Jersey area—Walter was shipped to Camp Croft, S. C. for basic training. He applied for citizenship at this camp.

From Croft he was transferred to Shenango, Pa., then to Jackson Barracks, and to Camp Harahan, New Orleans, back to Jackson Barracks, up to Fort McClellan, Alabama, thence to the 63d Division in its initial "home" at Camp Blanding, Florida, and so to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

### Mail Chases Him

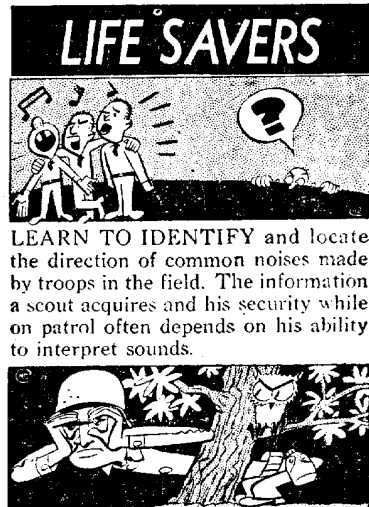
That was a lot of traveling in a short period, and Walter's mail had a hard job keeping up with him. One of the letters, and it was undoubtedly one of the most persistent, was the one notifying him when and where he must report to take the oath as an American citizen.

When the letter arrived, the deadline was weeks past and the courtroom miles away. He sought the advice of Capt. Nance and Lt. James L. Thome. Today Schimmel is a happy soldier, for they were able to win for him another appointment.

He's waiting every day for the mail corporal to call out his name with the coveted letter which will bring him to the courtroom at Jackson, Miss. It won't be long now before Corp. Walter Schimmel will be 100% American.

### New Gun Shoots 60,000 Feet High

The U. S. Army has developed a new 120-mm. gun which can fire 60,000 feet high, it was disclosed this week by Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, jr., chief of Army Ordnance in an interview published in the Denver Post. He said the 90-mm. American gun was superior to the German's 88-mm. and that though the new 120-mm gun has its place in this war, it is chiefly a development for the next war, if one comes, and for bombers flying at higher levels than those now used.



"OWL EYES" WILL help increase the effectiveness of your night vision when scouting. Cupping your hands around your eyes enables you to focus better in the area you are observing.