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WILMINGTON, DEL.—Two Wilmington banks have asked housewives to raid Junior's penny bank this week. The reason: an unexplained shortage of pennies which is causing havoc among change-makers throughout the city.

NEW YORK—Property of Maj. Edward Bowes, including rare porcelains, silver, paintings and furniture, will be sold Saturday at auction at the Parke-Bernet galleries.

TRENTON, N. J.—Soldiers who entered the services before completing high school, and who seek to complete their education after their discharge, will be aided by a bill presented to the State Board of Education this week by Commissioner John H. Bosshart, president of the board. The bill would establish day and evening classes for the benefit of ex-soldiers and sailors who have returned to civil life. Courses taken by the men under the Armed Forces Institute program, wherein servicemen study prescribed courses at their own barracks and take tests under supervision of their company commanders, will be accepted towards high school diplomas throughout the state.

SANTA MONICA, CAL.—Throughout last week a brush and forest fire raged out of control through a 10,000-acre area on a seven-mile front in the Santa Monica mountains, rangers report. At least 50 cabins and houses have been destroyed, Spencer Turner, chief county forester, said. He estimated damage at \$500,000. The fire narrowly missed the \$200,000 home of film actor Richard Dix.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Anna Irene Szablowska has a job at the General Electric Co. plant here which requires that she sign her name some 300 times a day. Recently her boss gave her a morning off so she could change it to Anna Sable.

NEW YORK—Executives of the Oxford University Press report that
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Div. Starts New Broadcast Series Over WWL, Sunday

Reaching out into the southland and part of the midwest, the 63d Division will broadcast the story of its activation and development Sunday when it inaugurates its new radio series over the 50,000 watt Columbia Network station, WWL of New Orleans. The broadcast will be staged in Theater No. 1 from 1800 to 1825, and soldiers and their friends are invited to attend.

The latest series of broadcasts will replace those which started over Station WJBO of Baton Rouge three weeks ago. The new setup will enable the Division to broadcast to a far greater area than was permissible over the Baton Rouge station.

Theater doors will be open at 1700 and will be closed promptly at 1745, fifteen minutes prior to the start of the broadcast.

The first broadcast which traced the development of the Division from the day it was activated on June 15 of this year to the present, will be repeated over the New Orleans hookup. Competent soldier-actors, who in civilian life were outstanding on the radio and the stage, will dramatically portray the principal events attending the activation of the organization.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d commander, will be heard repeating part of the speech in which he eulogized the combat soldier at the activation ceremonies June 15, at Camp Blanding.

The script for the first show was written by Pvt. Al Lewin, who was associated with Walt Disney, a gagman for the McCarthy-Bergen radio program, and who was also affiliated with Al Jolson.

Chorus to Sing
The soldiers chorus will sing the official song of the Division, "Blood and Fire," written by Staff Sgt. Landis Rogers, other musical numbers will be presented with the Division's No. 1 orchestra executing the score.

Others who will have prominent parts in the production are Pvt. Arthur Van Horn, former newscaster for the Mutual Network; Pvt. John Larkin, dramatic actor and radio narrator; Pvt. Arnold Spector, singer; Corp. Joseph Pollock, continuity director and impersonator; T/5 Murray Kaye; Pvt. Paul Taubman, musical director; and Pvt. Jack Ballin. Sgt. Robert Peters, who in civilian life was a well-known concern singer in the midwest, is the program director.

General Hibbs Leads Division Staff Under Fire



UNDER FIRE of machine guns on the Division's Infiltration course are Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs (left) and officers of the division staff. They went through the same course the enlisted men will go through, so that all division officers and men will know what it's like to be under fire.

Div. Staff Braves Mud, Rain, Lead, on Infiltration Course

War Writer Speaks At Woodville Rally

High school students turned out en masse, abetted by adult town-folk, as units of the 63d participated in a scrap drive rally in Woodville, Miss., a week ago. Pvt. Walter Kerr, Div. Hq. Co., enthralled the audience with tales of his experiences as a war correspondent on the Russian front. Kerr appealed to the students with stories of Russian educational activities and explained that they were pointed mainly towards the war effort.

The drive promised much success, for Woodville school presi-
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Gen. Hibbs Leads Officers Through Machine Gun Fire

A slow cold drizzle last Saturday dampened the already low spirits of Division Staff Officers. Thunderous explosions rocked the officers who looked anxiously at each other.

"Hey! Smokey! Where's Smokey?" called Colonel Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff.

"Here I am," said a voice identified as that of Major Glenn Y. Williamson, Division Chemical Officer.

"You were right, Smokey—gas is more humane," said the Chief.

Everybody laughed, the tension was broken and the first group of officers, led by Major General Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, started off under the machine gun fire on the infiltration course.

Dynamite Sticks Explode
It was the Division Staff, first group (excluding the ever-busy Rangers) to try their mettle under actual fire.

While ball ammunition whined and tracers streaked close overhead exploding dynamite sticks shook the officers as they crawled towards the machine guns. Steel helmets scraped the ground and bodies hugged the earth. Men picked their way cautiously under barbed wire, put up no arms or legs, kept "butts" down—it was the real McCoy.

The finish line provided shallow tunnels through which the infiltrating officers could crawl direct-
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TWELVE PAGES

This week all 63d Division subscribers to BLOOD AND FIRE will receive an additional four-page supplement, the VAN GUARD, which we publish for the Camp Van Dorn station complement. For the last month BLOOD AND FIRE has been publishing two editions a week, the regular eight-page division edition, and the 12-page Camp Edition. This week, with our moving from the small Goss Comet press of the McComb Journal to the giant Duplex presses of the Baton Rouge State-Times, we are able to consolidate our press run in a single 12-page edition.

Two New Badges Will Be Awarded Proficient GI's

The American doughboy is now being recognized as a "MAN" by the War department. Announced last week are two new Infantry decorations which will be awarded to proficient foot soldiers.

One of these, the Expert Infantryman badge, is a miniature silver rifle mounted on an infantry blue field with a silver border. The badge will be three inches long and one-half-inch wide. The other, the Combat Infantryman badge, is similar in design but is surmounted on a laurel wreath. The badges will be worn above the left breast pocket in the same position as airmen wear their wings.

The War department order said the new decorations would be given to officers and men of the infantry who attain established proficiency standards or whose action in combat is rated satisfactory. The combat infantryman's decoration, which is the superior award, is reserved for those whose combat conduct is exemplary or whose combat action occurs in a major operation.

Planes 'Flour' Bomb 718th, Artymen 'Shoot Down' 2

Aerial "bombs" in the form of paper sacks filled with flour scored several direct hits on a column of the 718th I. A. last week as the battalion participated in a demonstration of active and passive defense against tanks and planes.

As five planes roared over the motor column, taking it by surprise, men poured from the trucks and dispersed to cover on the sides of the road. While the planes loosed their loads of "bombs," machine gunners fired back and howitzer crews emptied their rifles at the aircraft.

Two 'Shot Down'
Only three planes returned in the second attack, indicating that two had been shot down. Concentrated fire from rifles and machine guns forced them to fly high and spoiled their bombing, so the column was able to resume its march.

Next the truck column was attacked by three tanks. Ambushing the column, they quickly put a battery commander's car, a prime mover and howitzer out of commission. While the lead tank was maneuvering for a better firing position, it was stopped by a Molo-

Radio Hails 63d Division In Broadcast

'Victory Parade of Bands,' With Will Osborne's Orchestra, Presents Program Over Nation-wide Hookup

"The spotlight points with pride to the 63d Inf. Div!" With these words Announcer Wayne Griffin sent the name of the Blood and Fire outfit winging over a nationwide hookup last night at Theater No. 1 as the "Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands," sponsored by the Coca-Cola Co. was presented from Camp Van Dorn.

Embracing 168 stations of the Blue Network, the program featured Will Osborne and his famous band which is currently playing at the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans. Throughout the 25 minutes of music a packed house of soldiers, WACs, and civilians cheered the band and the allusions to the 63d.

Musical Program

The broadcast was preceded by a half hour program of music by the orchestra and by vocal numbers presented by the very personable Marilyn Duke, vocalist. Miss Duke charmed the audience by her renditions of, "People Will Say We're In Love," and "I Got Plenty of Money."

Lee Pons, pianist, made the key talk with his "Stardust," and Johnny Bach, drummer, beat it out with a number entitled "Drum and Coke." Will himself sang "Paper Doll."

Following a short rehearsal in which the audience participated, the "Spotlight Parade" went on the air as Announcer Griffin saluted Camp Van Dorn and the 63d. Marilyn Duke sang "No Love No Nothing" and Osborne, accompanied by the orchestra, sang, "If That's the Way You Want It Baby."

Division Is Highlight

"Blood and Fire," the symbol of the sword and fire, the task of the infantry soldier, the long marches,
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to cocktail and its crew members were "finished off" by machine gun fire as they sought to escape.

The other two tanks circled behind a hill and came up, hull down, to fire on a howitzer position. After a moment, during which many shells were hurled against troops, one tank was hit by a 155-m. shell and destroyed. The third tank, advancing up a draw, was attacked by bazooka teams and rendered helpless. Its crew was taken prisoner.

Maj. Lightfoot in Charge

The demonstration was supervised by Maj. James H. Lightfoot, assisted by T/Sgt. Bloomer. The charges simulating shell fire were supervised by Capt. Charles H. Angell, assisted by S/Sgt. Skinner and members of the wire section of Hq. Btry.

At the suggestion of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division commander, the 718th has repeated the demonstration for other personnel of Div. Arty. Gen. Hibbs witnessed the demonstration and wrote an
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718th Arty "Beats Off" Air and Tank Attack

718th F. A. Private Was Civilian Flier

One of the lone men in the 63d Div., who was a flier before he was earth-bound as a field artilleryman is Pvt. Frank Nicolais, of Hq. Btry., 718th F. A.

Nicolais, whose home is in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is a licensed pilot and has many solo flying hours to his credit. Before his induction he flew as a pilot with the Civil Air Patrol for two years. He won his wings in 1942.

The air-minded artilleryman owns a 65-h.p. Taylorcraft which is now in storage. He was taking a flight instructor's course when he was inducted. He took up flying as a hobby, then used his ship for passenger hops and more recently lent his services to the CAP with operations at Mitchel Field, L. I. He is a wire communications man in his battery.

Nicolais was commended by his CAP commander for saving the lives of his observer and himself. While on a mission his engine failed 2,000 feet above a congested area.

Officers, Cadre Of 718th F. A. B. Hold Open House

The "Great White Way" of Broadway made a one-night stand at Camp Van Dorn last week when Btry. A, 718th F. A. Bn., was transformed into a nightery as battery officers and cadre held open house for friends and guests.

The mess hall was elaborately decorated in red, white and blue with streamers, curtains and light bulbs.

The 718th orchestra played throughout the evening, with a phonograph filling in the intermissions to make continuous dancing possible. Feature entertainment was provided by jitterbug dancing by Acting 1st Sgt. Delia Squires, of the WAC Detachment, and 1st Sgt. Edward G. Stolpa, of Btry. 3. A buffet supper was served.

War Writer Speaks At Woodville Rally

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Units of the 862d F. A. Bn. and 63d Reconnaissance Troop took part in the drive. Lt. Joseph C. Payette, Camp Salvage Officer, spoke on the necessity for saving scrap of all kinds. Lt. Bonnie Chapman and Sgt. Mary Morrison of the Women's Army Corps, Station Complement, respectively used the subjects tin and fats in their addresses. Lt. David H. Duffy, 63d Division Public Relations Officer, was in charge of the Army units.



LOWDOWN on-air-tank attacks is given men of 718th F. A. Bn. by their liaison plane in demonstration during which four bombs were dropped on the wagon soldiers. Above, plane comes in for landing; at right photo shows "bombing" of men.

862D GUNNERS FIRE HOWITZERS IN FIRST TRIALS

The unpacking of the real ammunition, the preparation of the powder charges . . . the setting of the fuze . . . the slamming home of the round . . . the locking of the breech . . . the "set-ready" of the No. 1 man and gunner . . . the executive's command of "Fire" and the pulling of the lanyard . . . the crashing boom of the shell on its way . . . and the graceful recoil of the tube.

All of this will become commonplace to cannoneers of a light field artillery battalion, yet it always will hold some of the thrill which cannoneers of 862nd FA Bn., experienced recently when they fired their 105-mm howitzers for the first time.

The three firing batteries of the 862nd obtained a good idea of just what their job is at their initial service practice in the artillery impact area. The gun crews were able to see exactly where their shells hit and how they burst, for the howitzers were located on top of a ridge from which the entire target area was visible.

As was to be expected the first time out, there were No. 1 men who pulled the lanyards so hard they broke and No. 2 men who loaded their shells with the care of a mother putting a baby to bed. And, on the first round all members of the crew seemed to be ready to sneak away as the command to fire was about to be given. But, by the end of the afternoon, all cannoneers were handling their job as if they were seasoned veterans.

Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGraw, Division artillery commander, and Col. Stanley Putman, commander of the 254th Infantry and of C. T. White, of which the 862nd is a part, were visitors at the shoot. Members of the 254th Cannon company commanded by Lt. William Howard, also watched the practice.



CRATERS, ROAD BLOCKS HELP ENGINEERS TO STOP TANKS

Revenge was sweet for trainees of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion last week as they retaliated against the tank which had harassed them in foxholes during previous training.

The engineers, undergoing their first lessons in tank obstacles, succeeded in stopping the "enemy" armor through the use of craters and hastily constructed road blocks.

Blasting Experiment
Nitromon or ammonium nitrate cratering charges were used as the engineers conducted extensive experiments to determine the best and quickest methods for blasting craters. Each platoon tried different formulas for blowing craters and the results were observed by all the men and recorded for future reference.

The nitromon, in 40-pound charges packed in tin cylindrical containers, was buried in a series of three holes five feet apart. For the best effect, the engineers discovered, the two end holes were dug to a depth of seven feet and the center hole five feet. Eighty pounds of the explosives were

placed in each end hole and 40 pounds in the center.

The resultant crater, when this method was used, was 32 feet long, 28 feet wide and 12 feet deep. This obstacle stopped the tank cold and considerable time had to be spent in extricating the vehicle.

Build Road Obstacles
Following the demolition method, the 263d trainees learned how to build wooden road obstacles. First Sgt. Carl Young and Sgt. Adam Karatkiewicz, the tank operators, found that timber obstacles were also effective blocks.

Companies of the battalion built log wall obstacles, sawhorse ramps and V-type timber obstacles. Although the available timbers were not as large as desirable, all of the obstructions succeeded in stopping the light tank.

Tactical use of any road obstacle, the trainees learned, requires that the obstacle be placed in a tank defile. The obstacles are designed merely to stop the tank so that strategically placed weapons, including bazookas, rifle grenades and sticky grenades can be brought to bear on the vehicle.

Division Staff Braves Mud, Rain

(Continued From Page 1.) ly under the chattering machine guns. From that finish line you could watch the prone bodies inching forward through the mud. They slid and they paused but onward they came. As they neared the machine guns, blasts from those weapons sounded like the ear-splitting crescendo of rapid shell fire.

Tension Adds to Strain
Tension added to the strain of pulling bodies over the uneven terrain but grinning faces showed up through the tunnels on the "safe" side of the firing line—faces that grinned through sweat and grime over bodies that were soaked with rain and caked with mud.

Wave after wave was sent through the course until the entire Staff had its baptism of fire. The first ones through had the pleasure of watching later ones—offerings encouragement and good natured jibes to the men who sweated and toiled as they had done to come through safely.

All remembered the Divisional admonition:

"It is desirable that all lead for salvage be extracted from the embankment at the east end of the infiltration course. Lead extracted from the west end of the personnel is not adaptable to normal salvage procedure."

About 2,000,000 children between the ages of 14 and 16 quit school in 1942.

Planes Bombard 718th But Artymen 'Shoot Down' Two

official commendation for its excellence.

In a similar demonstration of aerial and tank attacks on an artillery column, Capt. Donald Holick, S-3 of the 862d F. A., determined that the battalion will give a tough fight to any Nazi tank it meets.

105s Stop Tank
Acting as commander of a jeep disguised as a Nazi tank during a battalion field problem last week, Capt. Holick found that gun crews of the unit's 105-m. howitzers had him effectively stopped at all points of attack on the perimeter of the bivouac area.

"We bucked the area in three places with our tank, and were laid on and eliminated in two," he said. "Btry B's fourth section knocked us out just as we came into view and immediately warned the other sections of the battery by their internal phone system. One of Btry A's crews also scored a clean hit before we could get in."

Capt. Holick praised concealment measures taken by the battalion, saying his "tank" passed within ten yards of one of the howitzer sections, but was unable to see the gun.

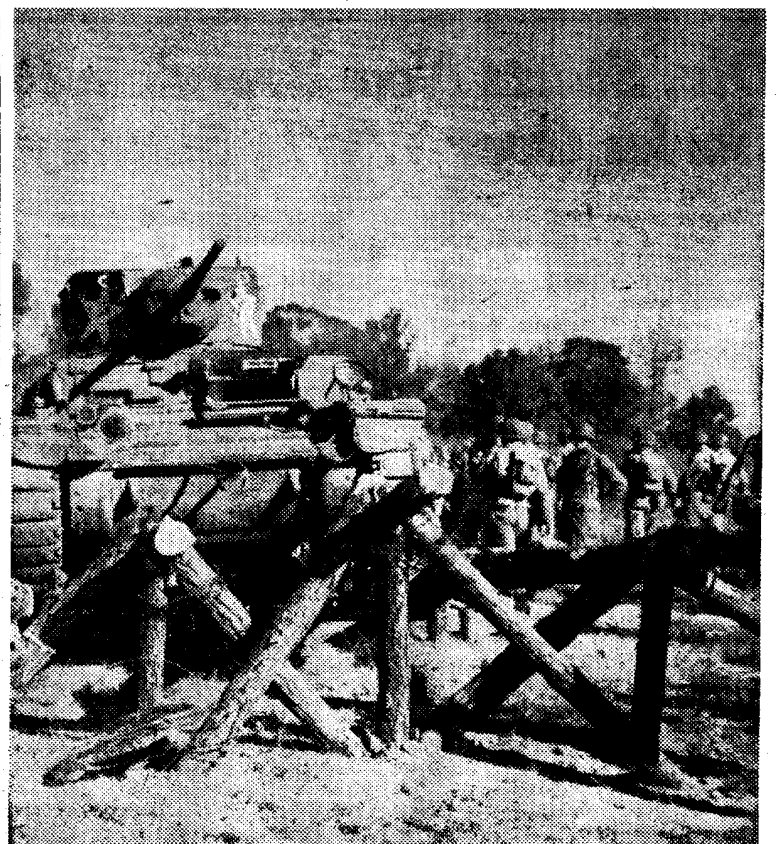
Lt. Garner Farrell and Lt. Neal Roach, 862d Liaison officers, made six sorties over the column in their "Grasshopper" plane. Lt. Roach, who was "bombardier" on the missions, said the dispersion of the vehicles was so effective that he could get only one direct hit with his flour-sack bombs. That hit was on the radiator of a wire truck.

After the five batteries were in position in the bivouac area, the two fliers circled overhead.

"The camouflage was every effective," Lt. Roach said. "We could not pick up a thing even when we came in low. The only time we were able to spot any vehicles at all was when the prime movers were pulling the howitzers into position at the edge of the woods."

Recruiter Becomes Parent So Youngster Can Enlist

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—John Moore, 18, tried to enroll in the Maritime service but was turned down because he had neither parent nor guardian to okay his application. Recruiting Seaman Jerry McCafferty took care of that. He took Moore before a probate judge, adopted him and swore him into the service.



STOPPED—This is what happens to a tank when an effective tank obstacle, such as the one above, constructed by the 263d Combat Engineer En., is placed in front of it. The construction of tank obstacles and the digging of tank traps are all part of the training the Engineers receive preparatory to going into combat.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Oh! I'll bet I know what you're wishing!"

Radio Hails 63d Division In Broadcast

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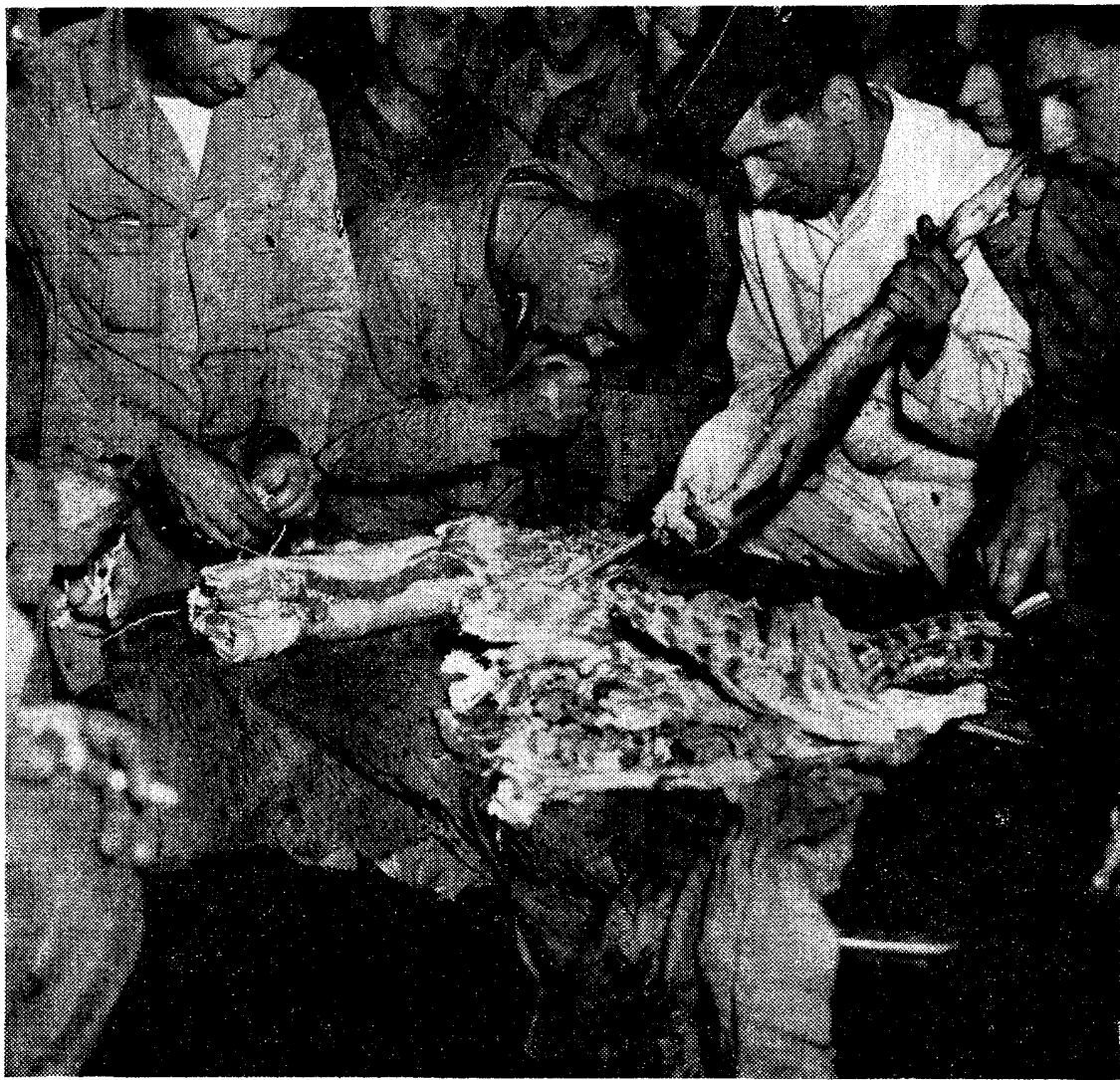
the heavy packs, and the spirit of indomitable courage which is being bred into the men of the 63d, were highlights of the script as read by Announcer Griffin.

The musical score continued as the orchestra pounded out "Hindu Tea Dance," and Miss Duke returned to sing "The Dreamer" to tremendous applause. The broadcast was brought to a close by the popular "Pistol Packing Mama."

Prior to the broadcast Col. R. E. Guthrie, Post Commander, welcomed Will Osborne and his musicians to Camp Van Dorn. Mr. Thomas Daigre, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., of Baton Rouge, through which agency the "Victory Parade" was brought to Camp Van Dorn, expressed his happiness at being able to entertain the soliders.

Wayne R. Griffin of Chicago was the announcer on the program, and Norbert Stanner was production director. Both represent the Blue Network.

The "Victory Parade" is heard six nights a week from Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine bases and from war production areas throughout the nation.



CUTTING UP—The scene above shows S/Sgt. Arnold Lombardi taking Sgts. Darrow Mueller, rolling the meat, and Norman Bryant, cutting, through a meat-cutting demonstration "by the numbers" before members of the Division's Mess Sergeants' and Cooks' School.

Newly Formed 253d Orchestra Thrills Natchez Dancers

Less than three short weeks ago the 253d Inf. dance band was just an idea in the minds of several of the regiment's musically minded trainees, but last Saturday when it played for the weekly dance at the Natchez Auditorium its success was assured. It played music sweet and hot and the comments on all sides after the strains of "Good Night Ladies" signaled the end of the affair, were most favorable.

Three weeks ago things looked pretty hopeless but Pvt. Ralph Cerasuolo of Co. G, who can really make a violin talk, was determined. He rallied a group of musicians about him and held two rehearsals. He felt the outfit needed more but when a hurried call came from Natchez on Saturday morning for a band to play that night, Cerasuolo accepted with alacrity.

Makes Big Hit

The band made a big hit at the auditorium and jitterbugs and those who like the more stately form of the dance, were unanimous in their praise of the melody produced by the 253d boys.

Pvt. Cerasuolo is a New Yorker who began his musical career at the age of 14. He was playing night spots while still in high school and continued while a student at New York university. After playing with Xavier Cugat for a while Ralph organized his own band. His musicians played at such well known spots as the Beachcomber, the Westchester Country club at Rye, N. Y., and the Wardman Park hotel, Washington, D. C. He was at the Stork club billed as Leonardo, when he was called to the Army.

Musicians Talented

Leader Cerasuolo has gathered about him men who have also attained prominence in the musical world. Pvt. Marty Schopp, Co. D, of Chenoa, Ill., was a member of the famed Tennessee Ramblers, who have appeared in a number of movies with Gene Autry and who have been heard over the Columbia Network. Pvt. Robert Crnek a member of 253rd Service Co., hails from Chicago. He traveled with Joe Venuti's band for three years and hit most of the hot spots from coast to coast.

The guitar wizard is Pvt. Johnny Abate, Co. B. Johnny spent three years with Harry James, when the trumpet king first started. Playing first trumpet is Pvt. Charlie Rudibaugh, Service Co. Charlie is known to his pals as "Harry James, Junior." He played in the Grove City college band in Pennsylvania. Pvt. Don Hampton, Hd. Co. 3d Bn., plays the second trumpet. He is a resident of Mattoon, Ill. Don had his own band which was well known in the Midwest.

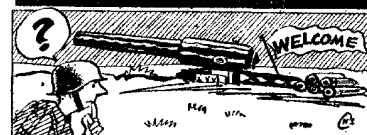
Others are Pvt. Rudolph Legner, Co. K, third trumpet, who hails from LaPorte, Ind.; Pvt. Tom Cortese, Co. M, former Duquesne university student who played with Lenny Martin and Barry Blue; Sgt. Howard McVey of Monmouth, Ill., and Pvt. George Gialas, Co. M, of Belle Vernon, Pa., Pvt. Phillip Colismo, of Yorkville, Ohio; Pvt. Earl Gilson, who also vocalizes, and Pvt. Peter Karlovich, who ran his own band in the Pittsburgh area.

The pianist, Pvt. Howard Davenport, hails from Detroit, where he played in several night clubs.

POSTAL PACKING MAMA

Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.—Wacs here call their mail orderly "Postal Packin' Mama."

LIFE SAVERS



BE CAREFUL when entering an abandoned enemy gun position. They are likely to have left traps surrounding it for you to stumble into.



THE ENEMY usually mines natural tank runs. Play safe and make your own trail.

NCO in 254th Once Doubled for Autry

When you held your breath while the hero of a horse opera plunged over a cliff, the badmen hot on his heels, you might have been watching S/Sgt. Clarence H. Corey in his civilian occupation.

Sgt. Corey, newly arrived NCO of the medical detachment of the 254th Inf., was a stunt man for 12 years in numerous western pictures. He substituted for such stars as Gene Autry, Roy Rodgers and Charles Starrett, and had role in such famous productions as "Cimarron" and "Stage Coach." He also appeared in Barbara Stanwyck's film portrayal of "Ann Oakley."

His father, Jim Corey, has been playing in westerns for many years. The father's most recent appearance was in the movie adaptation of the life of Sgt. York. In the film, the elder Corey and Gary Cooper engaged in the celebrated sharpshooting match.

Sgt. Corey came to the 254th medical detachment direct from medical service in Hawaii. He entered the Army in December, 1941. Besides his film work, the six-foot-two non-com also played semi-pro football in California. He is married and his home is in North Hollywood, Calif.

MESS SGTS., COOKS BRUSH UP ON WAYS TO PREPARE FOOD

Last Monday 30 men reported to the new Division Mess Sergeants' and Cooks' school for one week's training. Next week 30 more men will enter the school, and so on for six weeks. By that time it is expected that all mess sergeants and first cooks of the division will have completed the course.

Conducted by Lt. Victor Pirowsky, Co. D, 253d Inf., who was a mess sergeant in Panama, the school will be held for three weeks at the 63d Quartermaster company's mess hall, and will then switch to the Service Co., 254th Inf.

All Phases Covered

The school's schedule is divided equally between conferences and practical work. Subject matter includes demonstrations, conferences, and practical work on such matters as meat cutting, sterilization methods, pastry making, nutrition, salad making, seasoning, and all the dozens of matters cooks and mess sergeants must know.

Each day, one of the students is selected to be mess sergeant of the day, and one to be first cook of the day. At the close of the session the whole class meets to hold a critique of the three meals served that day. They don't toss

bouquets at each other, either. When the occasion demands, they can become severe in their criticism of each other, and these men are really experts at finding faults in kitchen management and cookery.

10 Per Cent Cooks

About 10 per cent of the personnel, according to Lt. Pirowsky, were cooks in civilian life. He claims, however, that the best mess personnel are those with no civilian experience, as they can be taught to do things the Army way, and tend to revert less to civilian methods.

Emphasis is placed on proper usage of the 1937 Field Range. All mess personnel must be familiar with every detail of construction and operation of the range, which will be the one used on maneuvers and in combat.

Assisting Lt. Pirowsky as instructors are Staff Sgts. William Little, Arnold Lombardi, Ralph Layne, and Wallace Woods, T/4's Edward Hine, and Paul Pyles, Pfc. John Trump, and Pvt. Fred Wolff.

Diggers Fatter Kitten for Role of Mouse Killer

"She'll be a killer!"

This was promised to Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding officer of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion, as the destiny of Sheba, newly-adopted pet kitten of the division's builders.

T/4 James Burns, commissioned as guardian and tutor for the prospective mouse menace, made the promise and has plenty of ideas for "its sure and joyous execution."

"First of all we'll have to fatten her up," Burns said today. "The mice we have in battalion headquarters are heavyweights for her right now, but there'll come a day."

After that, according to Burns, Sheba will undergo a rigorous MTP schedule designed to put her in a fighting mood.

Right now Sheba does not enjoy equal popularity with Sgt. Dizzy Coan, the colonel's pet dog, but Sgt. Burns has his orders and he'll fulfill them to the last hair on his head.

The word "reveille" comes from the French "reveiller," which means to arouse or wake from sleep.

There's a storekeeper named Pope in Rome, Miss., whose sign says, "Pope of Rome."

USO TO PRESENT THREE-DAY SHOW

The USO musical comedy show, "Just for the Ride," will play before division personnel at Theater No. 1 next Thursday, November 18, at 1830 and 2000; at Theater No. 3, Friday, November 19, at 1830 and 2000; and at Theater No. 5, Saturday, November 20, at 1830 and 2000.

In addition to division theaters, the show will also be presented at the station hospital on the 19th, and at the Red Cross building at 1530 the same day.

The USO show will consist of music, dancing, singing and comedy skits. Featured among the performers will be Roberta Ramon, an accomplished toe dancer; Muriel Moran, who has as Hollywood hobbyhorse race program; the Wen Hai Troupe, featuring novelty juggling; Marion Burroughs, pretty young violinist, and the LaMarrs, comedy team.

The show is directed and the musical score arranged by Jud Rees.

Capt. Tetterer Miss Gleason Wed on Saturday

Capt. Frank J. Tetterer, Jr., commanding officer of Co. D, 253d Inf., was married last Saturday afternoon to Miss Margaret J. Gleason of Cedarhurst, L. I., N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Joseph J. Morrell, 253d Inf. in Chapel No. 7.

Capt. Walter M. Lee, 253d adjutant, was best man and Mrs. Lee was matron of honor.

Miss Gleason is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gleason of Cedarhurst. Capt. Tetterer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tetterer, Sr., Hewlett, L. I., enlisted in the Army Jan., 1941, and was commissioned 2nd Lt., April, 1942. He was promoted to 1st Lt. in Feb., 1943, and Capt. in Sept., 1943.

Capt. and Mrs. Tetterer, after a brief wedding trip, will reside in McComb, Miss.

Musicians to Give Concert at Gloster

A concert by the 63d Division orchestra, and a variety show presented by actors and musicians of the division, will feature a musical appreciation night which will be held at the high school auditorium at Gloster, Thursday, November 16. Members of the orchestra and the theatrical company will be entertained at Gloster homes prior to the performances.



NAZI SLAVE WORLD vs. Democratic Plans for a Free World are graphically shown in this mural at 255th Inf., which was constructed of paper mache by S/Sgt. Rogers. Representative of the chained and bound women of Europe is the figure in foreground, while background shows lustful Nazi officers "inspecting" women's prisons.

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EDITORIAL

VICTORY COMPLEX

Every unit worth its salt develops after a while a sort of victory complex—the feeling that it is a winning team, that it can carry the fight to the enemy and beat him hands down.

Old soldiers in the 63d have watched and noticed the gradual building up of that feeling in our division. It can be seen on every street corner in the local towns in the pride that men of the 63d take in their shoulder patches, in the pride they take in being known as the "Blood and Fire" division, in the pride they take in being combat soldiers.

Men in our division who come from other divisions have a different feeling toward the 63d than they have had toward other units to which they belonged. Although they may have been in a half-dozen cadres, they have the feeling here that they have "arrived," that they have come to the outfit with which they want to stay and finish the war with.

This feeling is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the 63d has no battle streamers, no history of great battles won, no long lists of heroes it has given in the service of its country.

We have only our own desire to do our job the best way we can, and the earnest conviction that we can and will do so.

The way we're going, though, it looks as though that's enough.

THEY ALSO SERVE

Last week a group of girls, war workers, from Vicksburg, Miss., journeyed through wind and rain 124 miles so that they might provide dancing partners for men of 63d Division at Camp Van Dorn. After the dance was over the girls started the return journey, but before it was completed, their bus broke down and they had to wait in the cold and rain until morning before reaching their homes. The trip, incidentally, was made at the girls' expense.

A few weeks ago a similar group of girls came from Natchez to the Camp at their own expense. Girls from other towns and villages have also visited the camp to attend dances and many of them have had to pay their own way.

These girls are rendering a service to the men in the 63d Division. They don't have to leave comfortable homes and journey through cold and sometimes rain, to go to a dance. Most of them feel it their duty to attend these dances so that in some small way they too can be of service to their country.

Bibles which are placed on every life raft and life boat on Army Transport vessels for the spiritual guidance and inspiration of the men in the event of disaster, are now being protected from the effects of salt water through use of a transparent, waterproof covering. The covers were originally developed to protect—pistols.

The U. S. Navy will shortly be constructing three huge 45,000-ton aircraft carriers.

We believe one of them might well be named Guadalcanal in honor of the Army, Navy and Marine dead of that island. The name should be an inspiration to the men who serve on the ship after it is commissioned.



"No, Vladimir, that isn't the battle of Moscow, it's just the victory guns firing again."

News from Here and There

Soldier's Air-Hike Ends Him Back at Own Camp

DENVER, COL. (CNS)—Pfc. Stan Greenspan got a 48 hour pass to attend his brother's wedding in New York. He caught a bomber at Lowry Field which took him to Wichita, Kan. Then he air-hiked to Kansas City and shunted to Chicago. There he was advised to give Salt Lake City a try. After a 24-hour stopover in Utah, Greenspan caught a bomber ride back to Denver arriving just as his pass expired.

Draftee Finds Same Job In Army but Not Salary

FT. LOGAN, COL. (CNS)—Before Irving Gold was drafted he was a civilian instructor at the Army Air Forces clerical school here. His salary was \$216 a month. After his induction as a private he was assigned to his old job. His salary—\$50 a month.

Gun and 'Sharpshooter's Medal' Keeps OD at Bay

HUNTSVILLE ARSENAL, ALA.—The officer of the day rattled a locked fence gate. Came a voice in commanding tone, "Stop! I have a .45 and a sharpshooter's medal."

'Clean Plate Policy' Helps Save \$83,767 for Division

WASHINGTON (CNS)—One American Infantry division has saved \$83,767.25 in five months by food conservation measures, the war department has disclosed.

To achieve this saving, mess officers instituted a "clean plate policy" in division mess halls, conducting rigid and continuous inspections and impressing upon enlisted men the idea that food conservation is vital to victory.

Neither the quality nor the quantity of the food was sacrificed, the war department emphasized, but waste was eliminated by the inspection system and "clean plate policy." Troops were instructed to take all they could eat—but to eat all they took.

Lt. Gen. Herring Lauds Engineering Equipment

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (CNS)—High praise for American engineering equipment was voiced here by Lt. Gen. Sir Edmund Her-

ring on his return from command of forward army units in New Guinea. Gen. Herring said that the Japs had nothing to equal the U. S. roadmakers and bulldozers flown into the area to carve airbases from the jungle.

Book of Air Force Songs Published at Ft. Worth

FT. WORTH, TEX. (CNS)—A song book entitled Air Corps Airs has been published here and will be offered for sale through Post Exchanges in the near future. Profits will be given to the Air Forces Aid society. The book is a compilation of the best tunes which fliers have sung since the Wright brothers first took off.

Sgt. Downs Nip Airplane, Is Then Ordered to Range

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—S./Sgt. Howard Ostler of Chelsea, Mass., shot down two Jap planes in a raid over Wewak. He returned to his air base and found a notice directing him to report to the range next day, to qualify as a gunner.

Queries on Size Annoys GI So He Prints Answers

LEAVENWORTH, KAN. (CNS)—Six-foot-six Pvt. Richard Clausen of Omaha has had to answer so many questions about himself since his induction into the Army that he now hands inquiring campmates a card which reads: "My name is Tiny Clausen—6 feet, 6 inches; weight 270 pounds; wear size 15 shoes. Does that answer your question?"

Two Silver Bars Meant Two Lts. to This Gal

NEW YORK—Despite War department regulations against civilians wearing Army insignia a gal turned up at her office here wearing two officer's silver bars on her sweater. A friend asked her if her boy friend was a captain. "Oh no," she replied, "Two lieutenants."

Aviator Finds Air Safest; Is Killed by Runaway Jeep

GOWEN FIELD, IDA. (CNS)—F/O Andrew Araneo of West Orange, N. J., was killed here when a jeep rolled down a steep grade and struck him.

The Sky Pilot Says It

NUMBER ONE
BY ROBERT H. CLARKE

Div. Chaplain

The importance of Number One, "myself," has been a favorite theme of philosophers all down the ages. Every confession of faith really begins with "I believe." Even the man who says "I have no faith" must confess that he has a belief, though it is negative and not positive.

We cannot leave ourselves out of the picture. For every individual the first world center begins with self. Whether I want to or not, I must learn to live with myself, and the beginning of wisdom is to know what kind of a man I am.

This does not mean that one is to develop a bombastic egotism, but it does mean that one should so live as to develop a respect for one's self. Bombast, sooner or later, will be punctured, it has already taken place, a la Mussolini.

A healthy minded individual believes in himself, because he keeps his body fit and his mind alert. He knows that he will be an asset to society and not a liability. This is not a shallow self-conceit but a wholesome regard for the worth of the individual, for we are told that "God made man in His own image."

The Christian faith emphasizes the value of the individual for his own sake and for the sake of others. In fact, any religion that stresses the brotherhood of man does so because the basis of such a society is dependent on clean-living, team-working, clear-thinking individuals.

From a squad to a division, to an army and all through life, Number One, "myself", is an important person, because on the fitness of myself may depend the life and well-being of my comrades. To be physically fit, mentally alert, spiritually alive, is a belief suitable for any man.

G. I. Jingles

It's pay day in the comp'ny,
And the money's on the line;
And it's time the cubes were clicking,
For it's too long I've had mine.

Little white cubes, with ones and twos—
Baby needs a set of new shoes,
Ivory cubes with threes and fours—
Rattle lightly on the barracks floors.
Little lovelies with sixes and fives—
Make my money live like a cat with nine lives.

When it's lights out in the barracks,
We won't stop our little game;
We'll just step into the latrine,
And go at it just the same.

When the CO hears the clicking,
He's surprised as he can be;
Shakes his head, walks on dumbfounded
"Sounds like mice to me," says he.

Our game is nice and friendly,
(Just be sure to hit the wall)
Dice that scamper wall unhindered
Aren't liked by us at all.

Little white cubes with ones and twos—
Baby needs a set of new shoes.
Ivory cubes with threes and fours—
Rattle lightly on the barracks floors.
Little lovelies with sixes and fives—
Make my money live like a cat with nine lives.

NOSTALGIA

Oh this is no lament, I'm feeling fine
No visions torture me when twilight falls
Nor tears of agony dilute my wine
As through a veil I seek a voice that calls.

I make no round of taverns in the town
To numb a constant aching deep inside
And neither do I laugh and play the clown
While swallowing a draught of wounded pride.

No—I don't miss you as I thought I would
In fact I hardly know there's been a change
And I wouldn't join the Dismal Brotherhood
Of Men Who Have a Life to Rearrange.

For though you're far away I feel you near;
My sergeant has your disposition. Dear . . .
PVT. SIDNEY NANNES,
Med. Det. 255th Inf.

APOLOGY

My Grand'dad taught at Dartmouth,
My Daddy at West Point,
And so they're always harping on
The things I haven't joint.

I do not know the Civil Law,
Nor P. M. S. & T.
I cannot speak a word of Greek—
All tongues are Greek to me.

But I know a little learning
Is a thing with danger fraught,
And that is why I did not heed
The things my teachers taught.

—From "Mostly Subjective,"
By JOHNNIE McREYNOLDS.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

363d Med. Bn.—Pvt. Henry "Hank" Presser of Hd. Det., was the most popular man in his barracks when he received a package from his wife, a present for his birthday which he will celebrate Sat. Nov. 20. Hank had the peculiar experience of being host at his own party . . . Pvt. William Davis, Co. D, drinks Pepsi Cola straight and likes it. He visited PX No. 1 recently to purchase his favorite beverage when his eyes encountered those of a bewitching damsel behind the counter. Willie blushed and there ensued a flirtation in which the damsel was the aggressor a la Sadie Hawkins. A well-seasoned crew of non-coms, M/Sgt. Frank Harte, Hd. Det., 1st/Sgt. Harold Halls, D Co., and S/Sgts. Matteo, Hendren and Scarpelli, also of D. Co., witnessed the proceedings. Willie's face is still red but he's determined.

253d Inf.—Being a fellow keenly interested in results and how to achieve them, Pvt. Lyell Peters, Co. C., sat himself down one night last week, figured what was required in his record firing with the M-1 and went out next afternoon to win Expert rating and the Co. C prize for top score . . . Any disappointment Pvt. Joe Lane may have felt about being pushed off the top was erased when his wife wired that he was the father of an eight-pound daughter . . . Co. C drew its first enlisted man from overseas when Pvt. Edward Thomas was assigned to Lt. James E. Browning's mortar section. Thomas spent 20 months on Trinidad . . . Viennese-born Cpl. Walter J. Schimmel is a happy man these days. Last week he became a United States citizen. Corporal chevrons are now worn by Leonard H. Clemson. T/5 Norman M. McWilliams, of Co. C, is now a corporal.

254th Inf.—Two members of Co. E are rejoicing over additions to their respective families. Pvt. Gerald Barley was home on furlough when his six pound, two-ounce son was born. Pvt. John Bullaro received good news that he is the father of a boy weighing six pounds, two ounces. Pvt. Bullaro is hoping that good news will continue his way. He has a brother reported missing in the South Pacific . . . Cpls. Lawrence Leyburn and Joseph Pavlich were recently named sergeants. Several men of Co. M are also wearing chevrons. Sgt. Harry B. Nolan was a Cpl. and Cpl. William Stonemetz was a Pfc. until this week. Among the new Pfc. are Richard Moyer, Algernon J. Keith, Herbert H. Walls, Francis E. Rogers, Jewell J. Armstrong, Milton Kosmin, Nicholas J. Nemeth, Anthony N. Mottola, Harry L. Hospins, Harry A. McGuff and Edward J. Phelan.

263d Inf.—Before the president sent him the customary "greetings," Pvt. Mickey Johnson, Co. F, was known as Mickey Gerard, master of ceremonies. He appeared with Lou Costello of Abbott and Costello, in "Broadway Brevities." While stationed with the 39th Signal Construction Bn., Camp Swift, Tex., he helped stage several shows . . . Co. I is proud of a litter of puppies born beneath one of the hutments . . . Sgt. T. E. Hill, Co. B, is always noted for his soldierly appearance. His chest has been bulging a little more than usual of late however. Western Union brought him word from Wilmington, Del., that he is the papa of a 7½ pound baby boy . . . Pvt. Albert Pine, Anti-Tank, received word that a new heir arrived last week in Camden, N. J., and S/Sgt. Earl W. Baker, Co. "D" is passing out cigars because an 8 pound boy, Michael, arrived in Parkersburg, W. Va. Privts. Robert Wunder and Vito Colavito went to Centerville last Saturday on their first visit. They walked down the length of Main street and then Wunder turned to his pal and said: "Let's walk down the other side of the street." "No," objected Vito, "what will we do next week?" Pvt. Arnold Geyer, Co. "A", a curious chap, wants to know why they call it a Day Room when you're usually only allowed there at night?

254th Inf.—Pvt. Lindsey of Co. L, was the recipient recently of one of those long letters. His was 15 feet in length and measured 18½ inches across . . . Pvt. Joe Butler was passing out the stogies last week. You guessed it, it was an 8½ pound boy. Ditto for Sgt. James Bean who returned from a furlough with news of an addition to the family . . . Pvt. Francis D. Morrissey of the Boston Morrissey's is a bit touchy about his "Bawston" accent. He was heard staunchly defending the manner of speech peculiar to natives of the Hub. "It's the King's English," he insists . . . Packages containing goodies from home have been flowing from the mail bag of Pvt. Warren Orlick, mail clerk of the 3d Bn. until it is beginning to look like the proverbial "Horn of Plenty." Pfc. Robert W. Henry of the 2nd Bn. was the envy of his mates on a recent hike when he drew a sandwich and a piece of fruit from his pocket and proceeded to munch away.

The Med. Detachment Day Room has undergone complete renovation with Privts. Louis DeSchaaf, 2nd Bn., and Russell Fincham, 3d Bn., acting as interior decorators. The addition of several pieces of new furniture have added to the attractiveness of the place.

861st F. A.—Battery A, 861st F. A., found itself unexpectedly over-strength recently when a litter of four kittens were deposited by their mother on a stack of mops beneath Supply Sgt. McNally's counter. Named Able, Baker and Charlie, the felines are available as mascots to any unit desiring them. Just see First Sgt. Leffler.

718th F. A.—Harry James, take note: A Btry., 718th F. A., has a man whom his companions believe, blows the hottest trumpet in the world. He is Pvt. John C. Motter, Jr., and he can make the brass talk . . . "There ain't a steer in Texas I can't throw," claims Pvt. William A. "Tex" Mills. The boys are hoping he includes the bulls also in that category. Capt. Robert D. Doudanville, CO of Battery C, has promoted T-5 Rudolph Weber to T-4 and the following privates to acting corporal: William G. Phelps, George Roberts, Christopher Davison, Noel Heinikel, Robert Novak, George Digidio and Paul Chirko.



LT. COL. AND MRS. Jack L. Coan are pronounced man and wife by Division Chaplain Robert H. Clarke at wedding this week in Division Chapel. Col. Coan commands 263d Engineer Battalion, his wife is the former Mildred Frances Douglas, a corporal in Canadian Women's Army Corps. At left is Maj. John R. McAlister, Exec. Officer of 263d, who was best man, and at right is Mrs. McAlister, matron of honor.

Col. Coan, CWAC Corp., Married in Post Chapel

The marriage of Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, commanding officer of the 263d Engineer Battalion, and the former Miss Mildred Frances Douglas, a corporal in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, was performed Wednesday evening at Post Chapel No. 5.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commanding general of the 63rd Division gave the bride away. Lt. Col. Roert H. Clarke, division chaplain, performed the double ring ceremony.

Maj. McAlister Best Man
Maj. John R. McAlister, executive officer of the 263rd, was best man, and Mrs. McAlister was matron of honor. Other members of the bridal party were Capt. and Mrs. Allen W. Sanders, Jr. Col. Coan's company commanders, Capt. James A. Hemstreet, Capt. Isaac T. Avery, Capt. George S. Shepard and Lt. Enno R. Knirsch, Jr., were ushers. Assisting Col. Clarke were T/4 Robert E. Watson, organist, and Pvt. James Mallison, who sang "O Promise Me."

A reception sponsored by Mrs. Hibbs was held at Officers' Club No. 2 after the wedding. Mrs. E. B. Dahl and Mrs. Avery supervised the pouring. A Special Troops band furnished music for dancing.

Honeymoon in Alabama
The couple left for a short honeymoon in Alabama with Col. Coan's family.

Mrs. Coan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Williams, of Hornepayne, Ont. She attended St. Mary's Priory in Dauphin, Man., and a business school in Toronto. She has been a member of the CWAC since November, 1942. She was on duty in Washington, D. C., with the military attache at the

Canadian Legation when she met Col. Coan last January.

Col. Coan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Coan, of Birmingham, Ala. He was graduated from Auburn Polytechnic institute in 1935 with a degree in electrical engineering. At Auburn he was cadet colonel of the engineer regiment of the ROTC and was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Eta Kappa Nu fraternities and Scabbard and Blade.

Commissioned in 1936
Following his graduation, he worked in New York under the late Gen. Hugh Johnson. In July, 1936, he reported for duty at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and was among the 5 per cent of 1,000 reserve officers to be commissioned in the Regular Army.

His first job was on river and harbor in New Mexico, where the government had a \$16,000,000 flood control project on the South Canadian river. From September, 1939, to September, 1940, he did graduate engineering work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the Canal Zone with the 11th Engineering Regiment, and in Central and South America.

After taking the field officers' course at Fort Belvoir last winter, Col. Coan joined the 63d Division staff at the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

63D MEN AT PARTY
Twenty-five men of the 63d Division visited Natchez last night to attend a party given by nurses of the Natchez hospital. The party was held at the Nurses Home.

In territorial days, the name Arkansas was officially spelled Arkansasaw.

Cooperation Asked Of GI Dependents

If your wife and kiddies think they will get more dough now that the new Servicemen's Dependency Bill has become law, they're right. If they think they will get it right away, they're wrong.

Conversion of more than 3,000,000 accounts from the old forms to the new ones is a tremendous task, the War Department has warned, and it's going to take time.

Must Complete Form

First, dependents will be mailed a single sheet certificate form which requests all the information needed to convert accounts to the new rates. Dependents should complete the form immediately so that payment at the new rates may be expedited. In the meantime dependents will receive benefit checks at the old rates.

The new scale doesn't change the \$50 payment your wife now receives but if you have a child, the payment is increased from \$62 to \$80 a month and each additional child receives \$20 extra per month instead of \$10. A parent dependent for a chief portion of support will now receive \$50 a month, an increase of \$13.

NCOs Also Benefit

The first three noncom grades also benefit by the new bill. Staff sergeants, technical sergeants, first sergeants and master sergeants as well as the corresponding grades in the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard who were not benefited in the old bill now may receive family allotments provided that they waive subsistence and rental payments they are now authorized to receive.



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for the first time in 100 years demands for the Holy Bible exceed the supply, and they are forced to ration sales of the Good Book.

DETROIT, MICH.—Detroit's newest councilman, Fred C. Castator, will continue his duties as a DSR bus driver on the Vernor line, he told newspapermen after the recent elections. "I've been driving a bus for 17 years, and with this present manpower shortage I'm needed," he said. "I hope I can continue for the duration."

LEWISBURGH, PA.—A hunger strike of five conscientious objectors went into its 40th day Sunday at the Federal penitentiary here. They are being fed forcibly. The strike began when they objected to prison regulations requiring the inspection of all mail.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The U. S. S. Lafayette, formerly the French luxury liner Normandie, which was recently raised from the Hudson river mud where she lay on her side for nearly a year, has sailed for an unknown destination.

HOLLYWOOD, CAL.—Screen star Jackie Cooper has forsaken the grease paint for another kind of grease. He's joined the U. S. Navy and has been ordered to the training station on the Notre Dame campus, South Bend, Ind.

BERNIE BLOOD



Everybody Surprised

By GILL FOX

PVT. GILL FOX-CO. I 253 INF.

QMs Win Two Straight in Div. Touch Football

SPORTS SWIRL

The big noise around the war-time sports world at the present writing is the remarkable performance of the current Notre Dame eleven. According to The Associated Press, the Irish are the unanimous choice as the nation's leading grid team. This is the first time any club has received unanimous approval.

Navy Coach Edgar E. "Rip" Miller, whose team bowed to the Irish, rates the present South Bend aggregation as the best that has ever worn the Gold and Blue. "The day Notre Dame played Navy at Cleveland it could have beaten any other college team ever to take the field," Miller said in a recent talk before the Football Writers of New York.

When the Irish humbled Army last Saturday at Yankee stadium, 26-0, before an estimated crowd of 78,000, it was Johnny Lujack, 18-year-old understudy of departed Frank Bertelli, who tossed the first touchdown pass. It is a strange thing, but Lujack might have been wearing the Army livery Saturday. It seems the Conneville, Pa., schoolboy turned down a bid to the academy, the gift of his congressman.

Lujack always admired Notre Dame and its football traditions. Names such as George Gipp, Miller, Leyden, Stuhldreher and Rockne epitomized the acme of perfection in gridiron performances, and his greatest ambition was to play for Notre Dame.

Notre Dame might have had another great passer if Stan Koslowski, the Holy Cross ace, had not been so pepped up on golf. Stan was the state caddy and junior champ of Rhode Island. He went to Notre Dame on a Navy classification. Coach Frank Leahy anticipated great things for him and figured Stan would be his first right halfback.

Koslowski spent more of his time on the fairways at South Bend, however, than he did on the practice field and finally Leahy abandoned hope of interesting him in the game the way Notre Dame men are supposed to be interested. Stan eventually applied for a transfer to a college nearer home. Holy Cross won his services. Lujack answered Leahy's prayer.

That the Navy-bolstered Georgia Tech crew was too much for Louisiana State's boys goes without saying. The 42-7 triumph scored by Eddie Prokop and his Tech teammates testifies to that without the necessity of using superlatives. According to Coach Bernie Moore of LSU, Prokop is All-America timber and Moore isn't the first man to express that opinion.

Steve Van Buren of LSU has also been hailed in the press throughout the East and South at least as a candidate for a place on the mythical eleven. Van Buren has proved to be a fast man on the gridiron and one hard to stop. He is a good passer and an excellent kicker. He deserves consideration among any group of top-flight football stars of the current season.

Notre Dame Leading Nation's Grid Teams

Running second to Notre Dame among the top 10 college grid teams is Purdue with 570 points. Notre Dame is leading by a unanimous vote of sports writers with 910 points. Navy is ranked third with 518 points and Michigan, one of the terrors of the early season, is fourth with 486 points.

The following are the ratings as listed by The Associated Press. The leading teams, counting 10 points for a first place vote, nine for second, etc. (first place votes in parentheses):

First Ten	
Notre Dame (91)	910
Purdue	570
Navy	518
Michigan	486
Iowa Preflight	459
Army	404
Duke	385
Northwestern	255
Southern California	250
Pennsylvania	131

Second Ten	
College of Pacific	113
Washington	79
Del Monte Preflight	78
Texas A. and M.	56
March Field	48
Texas	34
Tulsa	31
Dartmouth	30
Georgia Tech	23
San Diego	20

63d Golfers Meet Sunday in 18-Hole Medal Tournament

Golfers of the division will gather at Natchez Sunday morning to compete in the first tournament for enlisted men of the 63d. Play will be held over the nine-hole municipal course at Duncan park starting at 9 o'clock. Nine holes will be played in the morning and the remaining nine in the afternoon. Total score will count in the final reckoning.

Division Special Service is in charge of the tournament and all men of the division desiring to compete are instructed to present themselves at the golf shop at Duncan park. Clubs will be available for those who do not have their own.

The links adjoins the Army Recreation Area at which free lodging may be obtained Saturday night. There is no entry fee for the tournament. Dinner for all contestants will be furnished free by the Servicemen's Center of Natchez. In the event that a sufficient number of additional entrants signify intentions of competing, the tournament will be continued Sunday, November 21.

Par for the Duncan Park course is 72, and the course comprises a total of 6,140 yards. The 540-yard sixth hole, and the 550-yard 15th hole, are the longest on the course. Both are par fives. There are 14 par four holes, two par fives, and two par threes.

Rules of the U. S. Golf association will prevail. The local rules follow: No. 1 hole, out of bounds over road. No. 3, out of bounds over fence. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, bayous are hazards, ball may be removed. Penalty one stroke. No. 8, bayou is hazard on second shot, ball may be removed, penalty one stroke. No. 5, over road out of bounds. No. 9, road to right of fairway out of bounds.

Chandler Is Tops In American Loop

The big gun among the pitchers in the American league this year was Spurgeon Chandler, New York Yankee finger. Chandler, whose earned run average was the lowest in the league in the last 25 years, hurled the Yanks to the league pennant with 20 victories against four defeats. He followed through in the World Series by beating the St. Louis Cardinals twice in as many starts as the Bombers regained the world title.

Chandler received 246 out of a possible 336 points in the voting by a committee of the Baseball Writers' association to lead the league's batting champion, Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox, by 31 points. Appling, with 215 points, was far in front of Rudy York of Detroit, home run king, who had 152 points.

Rookie Bill Johnson, Yankee third-sacker, whose eighth-inning triple with the bases full in the third game of the World Series shattered the Cardinals' hopes, was fourth with 135 points.

Besides being tops on the hill Chandler was also something of a slugger. He ended the season with a .258 average. He belted 25 hits in 97 times at bat, including five doubles and two home runs. He drove in seven runs.

Seven Six-footers On 718th F. A., Fire

With seven men all of whom are six feet in height or over and who combine with this advantage considerable experience on the court, A Btry, 718th F. A., boasts one of the strongest quintets in the 63d.

Corp. Charles W. Strong, Jr., 6 ft. 2 in., played freshman basketball at the University of Oregon while Corp. George W. Dunne, 6 ft. 3 in., had varsity experience under Coach George Heagan at Notre Dame. The other men, Pvt. Anthony V. Carozza, 6 ft.; Murray W. Holton, 6 ft. 1 in.; Alexander A. Black, 6 ft.; David N. Hamilton, 6 ft. 2 in., and Lawrence Friedman, 6 ft., all have played the game in school or in amateur circles.

ALL AMERICA?



Big Steve Van Buren, one of the main reason why Louisiana State's Tigers have had such an excellent season despite the absence of Navy talent, has been prominently mentioned for All-America honors. Steve, whose home is in New Orleans, tips the scale at 193 and stands 6 feet 1 inch. He is a ten-second man on the track. He plays his last game for LSU against Tulane.

Football Scores

EAST	
Notre Dame 26, Army 0.	
Navy 24, Pennsylvania 7.	
Dartmouth 47, Columbia 13.	
Cornell 13, Penn State 0.	
Brown 21, Yale 20.	
Ohio State 46, Pittsburgh 6.	
Harvard 14, Camp Edwards 7.	
Bucknell 13, Lakehurst 0.	
Rutgers 13, Lafayette 0.	
Holy Cross 42, Temple 6.	
Villanova 45, Princeton 22.	

MIDWEST	
Purdue 14, Minnesota 7.	
Northwestern 41, Wisconsin 0.	
Illinois 19, Iowa 10.	
Michigan 23, Indiana 6.	
Nebraska 13, Kansas State 7.	
Great Lakes 12, Camp Grant 0.	
Missouri 25, Iowa State 7.	

SOUTH	
Duke 75, North Carolina State 0.	
Virginia 39, Maryland 0.	
Georgia Tech 42, Louisiana State 7.	
North Carolina 21, South Carolina 6.	

SOUTHWEST	
Oklahoma 26, Kansas 13.	
Rice 20, Arkansas 7.	
Texas Tech 40, Texas Christian 20.	
Texas A. and M. 22, Southern Methodist 0.	

Bears Clinch Pro Diadem in West

NEW YORK — The third place New York Giants will provide the opposition for the high-riding Chicago Bears this Sunday at the Polo Grounds here. Chicago practically clinched the Western division title in the National Football League Sunday by routing the Green Bay Packers, 21-7. Sid Luckman, former Columbia star, heaved a 38-yard touchdown pass to Harry Clark to snap a 7-7 deadlock in the third period and set the Bears of the road to victory.

In other games, the Philadelphia Eagles tied the leaders of the Eastern Division of the loop, the Washington Redskins, 14-14. Sammie Baugh of the leaders tossed on scoring pass to Wilbur Moore, but was bottled up most of the afternoon. Brooklyn won its first game of the season, beating the Chicago Cardinals, 7-0, on Merle Condit's three-yard run in the third quarter. The New York Giants and Detroit Lions battled to a scoreless tie in Detroit.

Standings of the teams:

EASTERN DIVISION					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Washington	4	0	1	135	38
Phil Pitt	3	2	1	128	131
New York	2	2	2	97	77
Brooklyn	1	6	0	38	172

WESTERN DIVISION					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chicago Bears	6	0	7	205	105
Green Bay	4	2	1	160	123
Detroit	3	4	1	121	141
Chicago Cards	0	7	0	44	140

CT White Athletes Prep for Contests

Promoting an extensive athletic and recreational program aiming to develop the muscles of CT White men, and entertain them during their free hours, the 254th regimental Special Service office, under Lt. Lawson Kateley, is busier than a hive of bees these November days.

New punching bags, mats and ropes for the CT White Rec Hall arrived this week to enhance opportunities for indoor sports. The boxing program conducted by Cpl. Barnes has had such a warm response that a second period has been added to the schedule. Henceforth, boxing will be held every Tuesday and Thursday night, 1900 to 2000.

Cpl. Barnes has pointed out that many fellows otherwise interested in the sport are reluctant to try it because they think they will face competition from experienced boxers. "This is false," he stated. "Our purpose is to teach the art to beginners, and a graduated program is being followed." Pvt. Na Silverstein of Special Service is supervising the activities in this department.

Bouncing basketballs resound in the Rec Hall practically every evening as company teams begin serious preparation for the Regimental tourney. Selection of an all-star varsity team will be made very shortly, according to Pvt. Joe Cordts, athletic assistant.

254th Officers' Five Routs Catholic High

The 254th Inf. Officers' basketball team opened its court season by trouncing Catholic High of Natchez 46-26, last Thursday night at Natchez.

It was not until the second half that the 63d officers were able to cut loose with a scoring spree which clinched the game. At the half the victors led by a slim 17-16, advantage. In the final bracket, Lt. William Culp broke loose to rack up 21 points as his teammates aided him in riddling the zone defense of the schoolboys. Outstanding for the 254th team in addition to Lt. Culp, were Lts. Bill Vlascky, Arthur DiAntonio and Elroy LeMaster.

Outclass Medics, Recon Eleven, as Gonsalves Stars

Led by Cpl. Mannie Gonsalves of New York, the 63d QM Co. touch football team has scored two victories in a row to date in the Division Touch Football League. The QMs defeated the 363d Medics, 28-0, last Saturday, and in a previous encounter, routed the Recon Troops, 24-0.

Speedy afoot, and accurate in shooting passes to prospective receivers, Gonsalves was responsible for all of last week's scores. The victors chalked up two points in the opening minutes when the Medics' safety man was nabbed in his own end zone for a safety.

Wench Scores Twice
Following the opening score, Pvt. John Wench snared two touchdowns from Gonsalves. Others who shared the spotlight with Gonsalves were Sgt. Hal Hayes, captain of the team who formerly played with the Chicago Athletics, and Pfc. Warren Geiger, Greek Vagenas and Joe Hudson, and Cpls. Oltar and Bahc.

Play is almost completed in the 255th Regiment tournament. Special Units Battalion title was won by the Cannon Co. with four straight victories and no defeats. In the 1st Bn., Co. D is leading with three victories and no defeats. Hq. Co. tops the list in the 2d Bn., having won three and lost none, while Co. H is close on the heels of the leader with three triumphs and one defeat.

Co. K Tops 3d Bn.
The 3d Bn. is headed by Co. K with two victories and no losses, while Co. M is second with two wins and one setback. Hq. Co. has played one game to date in which it was victorious.

The Medical Bn., which is in third spot in the standing of the Special Units circuit, clinched third spot in the race by beating the Service Co., 13-6. Quarterback Levy of the victors scored both touchdowns on passes. The second snapped a 6-6 tie as the third period started.

Upon completion of the intra-regimental league play winning teams in each battalion will play off in a championship round for the title.

255TH LEAGUE STANDINGS

1st Bn.			
Co.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Co. D	2	0	1.000
Co. C	2	1	.667
Co. A	2	1	.667
Co. B	1	3	.250
Hq. Co.	0	3	.000

2d Bn.			
Co.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hq. Co.	3	0	1.000
Co. H	3	1	.750
Co. E	1	2	.333
Co. G	1	2	.333
Co. F	0	3	.000

3d Bn.			
Co.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Co. K	2	0	1.000
Hq. Co.	1	0	1.000
Co. M	1	1	.500
Co. L	0	2	.000
Co. I	0	2	.000

Special Units

Co.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cannon Co.	4	0	1.000
A. T. Co.	3	1	.750
Medics	2	2	.500
Ser. Hq. Co.	1	3	.250
Reg. Hq.	0	4	.000

College Players Form Nucleus of 254th Team

With three former college players forming its nucleus, the basketball squad of Hq. Co., 254th Inf., is preparing for the forthcoming season. Coached by Lt. William E. Culp, Jr., former Washington and Jefferson and Union college player, the squad lists among its members three collegians. They are Pfc. George I. Piffner who played on the 1937 and 1938 Duquesne university varsity; First Sgt. Frank W. Jones, Louisiana State; Corp. John D. Williams, Ohio university, and Pvts. Robert C. deLellis, Fordham, and Daniel W. Galbraith, Shippensburg State Teachers college.

In addition to the array of college talent the squad boasts such players as Corp. George W. Barnes; Pfc. Jack Knight and William D. Powers, and Pvts. Carl F. Henry and Thomas Corum, all of whom have had experience playing with high school teams.

The towering peaks of the Rockies are only about one-third as old as the Appalachians.

71 Receive Awards For Good Conduct

Thirty-six member of Div. Hq. and 35 men of Hq. Co., were awarded Good Conduct medals at a formal retreat ceremony held Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the parade ground adjacent to Special Troops Rec. Hall.

Col. John M. Underwood, commanding Special Troops made the presentation of ribbons assisted by Maj. R. W. Long, of Special Troops and Capt. Henry A. Stern, Jr., commanding Hq. Co. Capt. Frank J. Connelly of Hq. Co. preceded by a section of the 63d Div. band, led the troops as they passed in review.

The good conduct medal, according to AR 600-68, has been established as a reward for those enlisted men who have demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation.

The following men of Div. Hq. received the award:

M/Sgts. James G. Griffiths, Leonard A. Pitterle, Robert M. Booth, Jr., Thomas J. Reitz, Donald H. Aldrich, Vaous W. Carmack, Robert J. Myers, Louis C. Pratt, John J. Sikora, Harold R. Tronzer and John E. Williams. T/3's Frank D. Garrett, William A. Oldmixon and Bernard Trocker. Sgts. George L. Berry, Stewart B. Farmer, Simon Hubelbany and Bradford T. Main. T/4's John H. Bracken, Raymond F. Brown, Angelo G. Cassaro, Frank Fahey, Lawrence D. Giangregorio, Daniel F. Goldstein, James Handjic, Frank B. Hoffman, Aloysius F. Hungerman, James M. Laggan, Charles F. MacLellan, Edward J. McGovern and Cpl. Harry B. Blazer. T/5's Vincent J. DeStefano, Vincent J. Fuery, Aubrey Sherrod and Arnold B. Wyllina.

Hq. Co. men receiving awards were: Sgts. Nam S. Chung, Jack Gan, William MacLean and Arnold C. McDonald. Sgts. Marshall J. Hurley and Jasper C. Sanders. T/4's Frank L. Anderson, Thomas O. Davis, Henry A. Laverdiere, William W. Park, Frank L. Roloff, Ben Shropshire, Joe N. Stegall, Travis Tarbutton and Cpl. Chester H. Cook. T/5's Albert Anastasia, Gerald J. Gross, Vincent J. Manduca, Lambertus Soodema, Albert St. Hilaire. Pfc. Max Klein, Howard J. Milliken, Chester B. Rodrian, Pfc. John J. Boehm, Harvey Burris, Richard F. Carbaugh, Thomas F. Carey, Charles D. Carlson, Harry L. Hall, Chhlar Heiman, Eugene F. Lash, Joseph F. Lechner, Richard F. McCarthy, George W. Munroe, Samuel D. Rosen and Max Testler.

Non-coms of CT Blue Open New Clubrooms

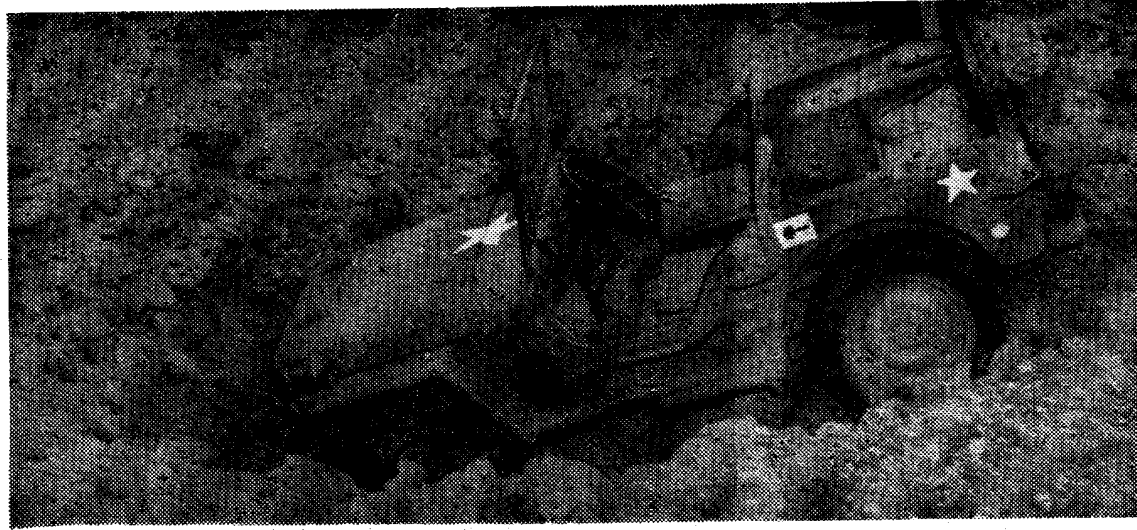
A gala opening-night party was staged last week by non-coms of C. T. Blue in their new club, housed in the old PX building on Seventeenth avenue, next to the C. T. Blue Rec. Hall.

Free beer, a five-man jive band and an hour-long variety show featured the evening's festivities. Members of the WAC detachment were guests.

During the evening the party was visited by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, and Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer, 255th Inf. Both officers expressed pleasure that this new service is now available for non-commissioned officers, and commended those men who spent time in furnishing and decorating the club.

The variety show featured acts by the comedy team of Pvt. Cronin and Kelly, as well as several musical numbers staged by members of the WAC detachment. Pvt. Gil Vitale staged a magic show.

The jive band was under the direction of Pvt. Daniel Mendelsohn, a top-flight musical arranger who has styled some of Harry James' most popular numbers, and has written orchestrations for Billie Holiday.



JEEPERS what a hole! All you'd need to build a fox-hole big enough for a jeep to climb into with you is one of the Army's new Nitromines. The hole above was made in a split second by a 40-pounder in recent demonstration by Division Chemical Warfare staff.

Theater Schedule

- Theaters No. 1 and 2
Starting Times:
No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810
- Nov. 13 Son of Dracula, with Lon Chaney, Louise Albritton.
 - 14-15 As Thousands Cheer, with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly and Kay Kyser and Orchestra.
 - 16 Henry Aldrich Haunts a House, with Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith, Joan Mortimer.
 - 17-18 Guadalcanal Diary, with Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan, William Bendix.
 - 19-20 In Old Oklahoma, with John Wayne, Martha Scott, Albert Dekker.
- Theater No. 5
- Nov. 12-13 Northern Pursuit, with Errol Flynn, Julie Bishop.
 - 14 Never A Dull Moment, with Ritz Brothers, Frances Langford, Mary Beth Hughes.
 - 15 Son of Dracula, with Lon Chaney, Louise Albritton.
 - 16-17 As Thousands Cheer, with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly, Kay Kyser and Orchestra.
 - 19-20 Guadalcanal Diary, with Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan, William Bendix.

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.
- Evening Mass**
Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
Chapel No. 7, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday (except Thursday), 1830.
Confessions at 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.
Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830.

If you've smelled something burning up around the Special Services Rec. Hall it isn't an overdone hash or a chemical warfare demonstration, it's the boys celebrating by smoking stogies at the expense of Lt. Bernard I. Levkoff, Division Athletic Officer. The occasion was the birth to the Mrs. Levkoff, in New York City this week of a daughter, Dianne. The Lieutenant tells us she'll definitely be an all-around athletic champ.

CQ'S CALL WRECKS SNAFU'S DREAM OF ELUSIVE GRABLE

"Awright, men!" yelled the Charge of Quarters as he switched on the lights, "Hit the deck! Rise an' shine! Cut the snooze an' grab yer shoes!"

The Yardbird yawned and opened one eye and yawned.

"Wotta life. They ain't no justice to it. Evvy time I get me arms around Grable, along comes the CQ and innerrups me. They ain't no justice."

Pva. Ulefort Wilke, Flood and Fire's artist, sat on the edge of his bed lacing his shoes.

"Always Sunday Morning" "Yes," he said, "But there is always Sunday morning to dream uninterruptedly, you see."

The Yardbird shook his head sadly.

"Thass the trouble," he told Wilke, "I don't get Grable on Sunday mornings. I allus dream of Edna May Olliver on Sunday mornings. Nobody wakes me up, either. I have a drefful time with her."

The Yardbird climbed out of bed and rubbed his eyes.

"Thass all you hear in this Army. Hit the deck. Rise an' shine. Get outa bed. Whistles. Yellin'. Bugle calls. Never no peace."

The 1st sergeant's voice boomed ing the barracks.

"Onna Double"

"Awright, awright, let's go! Let's step on it! Onna double! Let's hit it! We ain't got all day. The war'll be over before ya get out here if ya don't step on it."

The Yardbird stood up and faced the window.

"Nyaa, ya ole louse," he said, sticking his tongue out. "Allus yelling, allus makin' noise."

The platoon sergeant came through the barracks.

"Snafu," he barked, "Why aren't youse out on line like youse are supposed to be? Must I allus take youse poisonally in han' and lead youse out? Why can't youse be onna ball like all the others. Snafu, why are youse allus such a problem child?"

Too Early and Too Dark

The Yardbird shook his head and reached for his cartridge belt.

"I'm hurryin', ain't I? I ain't sleepin', am I? Kin I help it if I yah got out of bed at such a oily hour that I kin not see to put me shoes on, and as consikence am late?"

"Excuses, excuses, excuses, don't I never hear anything from you but excuses? Where's yer bayonet?"

The Yardbird hurriedly grabbed his bayonet and made for the door.

The platoon sergeant swore.

"Snafu, you dope, will ya never wake up?"

The Yardbird quivered. "Sarge," he said "there are times when I wish I wooden."

Magnolia to Entertain 63d Division Soldiers

Fifty members of the 63d Division will enjoy a post-Thanksgiving celebration at Magnolia, Miss., Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27. Townsfolk of Magnolia, which is six miles from McComb, has requested that Division Special Service send half a hundred men there to be entertained.

Soldiers will dine at the homes of Magnolia residents on Saturday after which there will be a dance. Lodging will be provided. On Sunday the Doughboys will be invited to dinner at various homes.

BTRY A, 861ST WINS

Led by Pvt. Ernest Radaker who registered 21 points and by Pvt.

Concert and Radio Singer Entertains Men of 253rd Inf.

From the shower room of the Service company, 253d Inf., there frequently rings forth the notes of a boy soprano hitting high C. Passersby might imagine that Dennis Day or Kenny Baker had been transported to Camp Van Dorn.

It isn't Day or Baker or a one-man USO troupe, however, it's Pvt. Leland C. Burt, who is a trainee in Service company.

Directed State Choir

In civilian life Burt enjoyed a wide and varied experience in the field of music. Starting as a high school youth he sang with a traveling male quartet and was the director and soloist of the Montana All-State A. Capella Conference choir, which also made numerous radio broadcasts.

After graduating from high school he secured a job at the Lockheed Aircraft plant, Los Angeles. While in the West Coast city he met many musicians who later aided him in his study of music.

He studied under Mme. Sylvia and Maestro Katz, both of whom were in operatic circles in Venice and Paris, respectively. After considerable study he was given a radio contract by NBC through the Radio Television Production company of Hollywood.

Doubled for Day

Burt also sang with Abe Lyman's orchestra, the Maxwell House Coffee program, and he doubled for Dennis Day on the Johnson Wax program. He has also given performances at Earl Carroll's theater, Hollywood's Palladium, the Brown Derby, Hollywood Stage Door Canteen and the Hollywood bowl.

He hopes to be able to continue his musical career after the war. As for the present he is devoting his time exclusively to the task of helping to lick the Nazis and the Japs.

PVT. OSCAR DAVIS, Service Co., 253d Inf.

Alvin Koch with 16, the basketball team of Btry A, 861st F.A., won its opening game of the season Friday night, Oct. 29, when it trounced Catholic High of Natchez, 54-17.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED

--THE 'OLD SARGE'

I reckon its just because we're human that we'll give something hell without knowing much about it, and frequently we have to take it all back when we get the real dope. That's me with those squad runs. I have to admit that in the beginning I didn't think much of 'em, but one day it occurred to me that it might be a good idea to take a look before criticising, so I just went along with one of the squads from my outfit. Within half an hour I was sold on 'em. I would have given a lot to have had something like them when I was a recruit.

Looking back it seems as tho' it was an awful long time before I was given any battle dope. Matter of fact, I think the Heinies gave my squad its first lesson, and most of us flunked it—for good. I was just lucky. But hell, we didn't know that only a tank could rush a machine gun head on and get away with it. The first situation given the squad I was with the other day took me back about 25 years to that day in the Argonne when my squad received its first bloody test. I held my breath, for this was again my squad and that noise maker up there in front was that Heine machinegun.

But that youngster of a squad leader barked out an order, which put his BAR on the MG and the rest of the squad scurrying around through the woods to the left. It let me breathe again and sold me forever on squad runs. So my tip to you new men is to remember the simple little things you learn in them. You'll need them. As for you platoon sergeants and leaders you, too, can learn plenty from them, and you can get a line on your acting NCO's at the same time,

Male Call

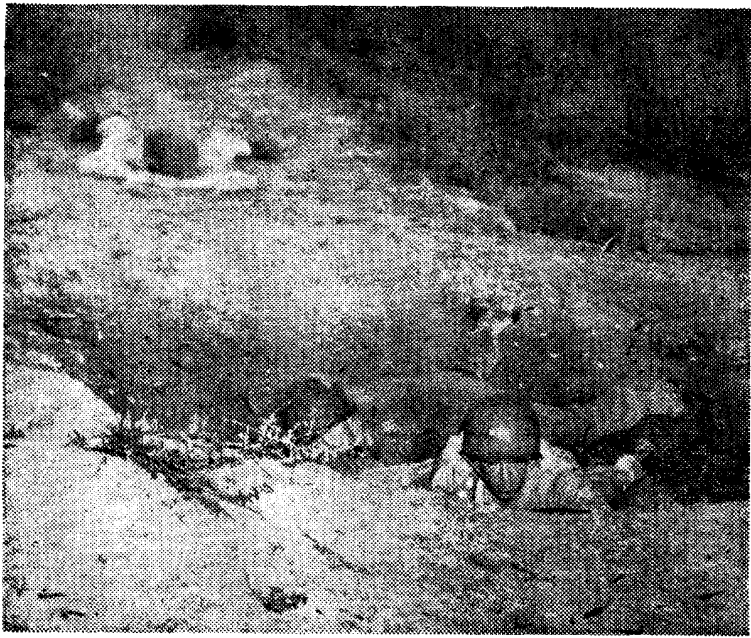
by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Some Stuffing!

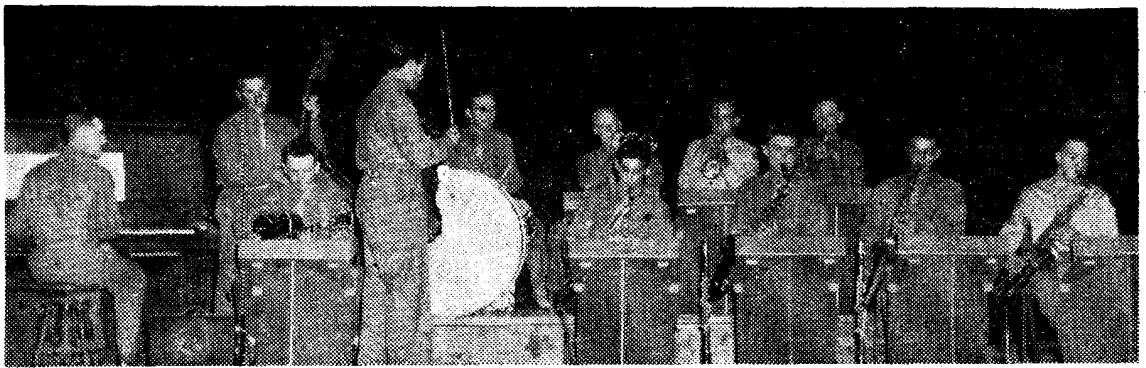
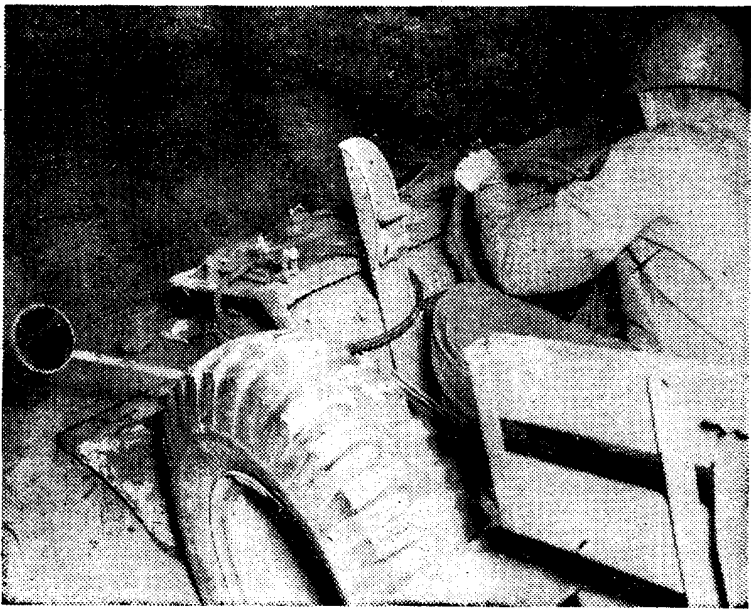


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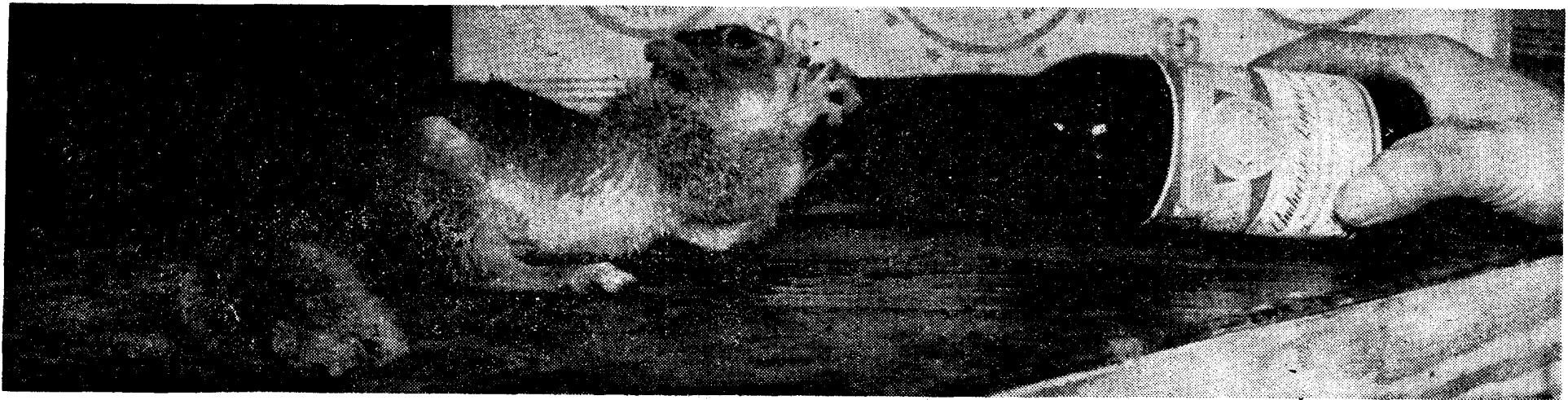


MUD AND MIRE met Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs and his Blood and Fire Division staff last week when they went under machine-gun fire on the infiltration course. At left an unidentified officer shares Gen. Hibbs' shell hole in midcourse. Above, he talks to officers at end of course.



FOOT SOLDIERS do lots of rug cutting at night, and men of 253d Inf. have their own orchestra to provide hot licks for them. Photo above shows them in action. Story on page 3.

WET GOING as Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris starts engine of heavy truck with engine under water on Division's driving course at left. Photos at lower left and directly below show Gen. Harris driving the demonstration truck down a steep grade, while division staff officers hold tight, and towing truck out of mire by use of its own winch. General proved to be a top-notch truckman.



DOWN THE HATCH goes GI beer as Tillie, the pet squirrel of the 255th Inf., gets a helping hand with her daily cooler offer.