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"Gen. Ike" Thanks 255th For 4-Leaf Clovers That Put Luck on His Side in France

Supreme Headquarters
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Supreme Commander

16 June, 1944.

Dear Colonel Tombaugh:

Thank you for your letter and the clover horseshoe. Will you please convey to all ranks of the 255th Infantry NCO Club, also, to Sergeant Major Travis B. Harrington my deep appreciation for your very thoughtful gift. I feel sure that your emblem will help us on the road to victory.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Colonel Paul E. Tombaugh
Headquarters 255th Infantry
Camp Van Dorn
Mississippi

The four-leafed clovers of the 63d have been watching over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and his men in their triumphal march across France—and this week the originators of the talisman received a very handsome acknowledgement from his headquarters in France.

The talisman, made up of four-leaf, five-leaf and six-leaf clovers picked by M/Sgt. Travis B. Harrington, 255th Inf. sergeant-major, in the backyard of his home in Elizabeth, La., was intended to supplement the single four-leaf clover that Gen. Eisenhower has as a permanent part of his desk equipment at his headquarters. As you will have noted, the talisman apparently worked. Just to make the luck more secure, M/Sgt. Harrington and fellow-members of the CT Blue Noncom club shaped it in the form of a horseshoe.

Gen. Eisenhower's acknowledgement was sent to Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, former commander of the 255th now on duty overseas, and it came back to Camp Van Dorn only after a devious trip that took it three times across the ocean. Addressed from the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expe-

ditionary Forces, Office of Supreme Commander, it said:

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Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

Anything from the hand of Gen. Eisenhower in these momentous days is an historic document but Col. Tombaugh sent the original letter back to M/Sgt. Harrington, accompanied by this note:

"Dear Sergeant: The enclosed letter arrived yesterday. Since you did the work on this matter, I thought you should (Continued on Page 7)

Hershey Discusses Discharge Prospect

Generals Commend Field Work of Two Artillery Battalions

Commendations of the 862d and 863d F. A., two of the Blood and Fire Division's artillery battalions which have been away from Camp Van Dorn participating with other units, were received this week by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander.

The 862d participated with the 84th Inf. Div. in a division test in July at Camp Claiborne, La. The 863d is stationed temporarily at Ft. Sill, Okla., where since July 15 it has been serving as "school troops" in problems at The Field Artillery School.

The 862d was termed "a first-class outfit" by Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commandant of The Field Artillery School, after he inspected the battalion area and the soldiers commanded by Lt. Col. Albert S. Britt.

"I really believe what I saw is one of the best outfits that I have seen for a long while, and I have seen a good many," Gen. Ward wrote. "Col. Britt has delegated and placed responsibility throughout the echelon of command in such a way as to insure being able to get order out of the chronic confusion of battle."

The battalion is "a first-class outfit, organized, trained and disciplined in such a way as to insure success in battle," he said, adding that "you should be proud of it."

The 862d, commanded by Lt. Col. James H. Lightfoot, was employed with both defensive and offensive forces in the 84th Div.'s test. It was commended by Brig. Gen. A. R. Bolling, 84th Div. commander.

"The excellent performance of this battalion in both the defensive and offensive operations contributed materially toward the realistic accomplishment of the test," Gen. Bolling wrote. "The wholehearted spirit of co-operation displayed by all officers and enlisted personnel in this unit is to be commended highly."

General Cites Sergeant for Saving Buddy

Instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier struck by lightning, Sgt. William Getman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has received a personal commendation from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander.

Sgt. Getman was credited with saving the life of S/Sgt. Newton Hawkins, of Laurel, Bloomery, Tenn., while both men were participating in a platoon problem of Co. K, 254th Inf., in a Division training area during ITP tests Aug. 8.

Witnesses said a violent electrical storm sprang up at about 1600 and the men of the platoon threw themselves to the ground as lightning bolts struck nearby. One man, Sgt. Hawkins, failed to rise and was found unconscious.

Appeared Dead

"From all indications Sgt. Hawkins had suffered sufficiently from this shock to appear dead," Gen. Hibbs' letter of commendation said. "As far as could be determined, his heart and pulse had stopped.

"Immediately sensing the plight of Sgt. Hawkins, you went to his aid and administered artificial respiration. Because of your prompt and efficient aid, Sgt. Hawkins was revived. The instruction you previously had received as taught by our Army in administering relief to sufferers of shock had been put into practice by you automatically."

Partially Paralyzed

Sgt. Hawkins was examined at the regimental dispensary and then taken to Station Hospital, where he remained for several days before returning to duty. His legs had been partially paralyzed by the electric shock.

"Your presence of mind and the action performed by you is considered exemplary," Gen. Hibbs wrote Sgt. Getman. "I commend you for it. Undoubtedly you were most responsible for the saving of the life of your comrade."

DANCE FOR OFFICERS

The Girls' Battalion of Baton will sponsor an informal dance for officers stationed at Camp Van Dorn next Saturday night, starting at 2100 at the Westdale Country Club, which is just off the Clayout road.

Draft Chieftain Says Many Will Still Be Called

More Than Million Men May Be Released by Fall of Germany

In an unromanticized forecast of the future prospects of present soldiers and still potential draftees, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, last week predicted that between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 men would become eligible for release from the armed forces after the defeat of Germany, and stated that the draft would continue to draw from 70,000 to 100,000 men a month from the country.

However, Gen. Hershey's statement held no immediate hopes for any particular group of men nor did it specify when the release would be commenced or concluded.

Almost a year will be consumed in the mustering-out process, according to Army estimates. Only unneeded men will be released and the manner of their selection has stimulated many theories. Two viewpoints are reported as to which men should be mustered out first; one that seasoned men should be kept because the Army needs them, the other that those longest away from home should be the first to (Continued on Page 3)

63d Is Found 'Somewhere In France'

If you are speculating about the whereabouts present and future of the 63d Div. you can stop right now.

It has all been settled by the editor of the Business Review section of the New Orleans Item.

In case you don't know, the 63d is now "somewhere in France."

In a little puff for Mr. Frank Ramos, proprietor of an advertising studio in New Orleans, the Business Review section observes that "he designed the insignia of the Blood and Fire—the sword of a Crusader" against a red background—as a labor of love. "The 63d (Blood and Fire) Division is reported currently to be fighting in France," the story adds.

The fact of the matter is that Ramos built the frame for the Talisman card which bears the 63d insignia and the original signatures of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and other Allied leaders.

The Blood and Fire insignia was designed by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Arthur E. Dubois, Chief of the Heraldic Section of the Quartermaster Corps.

'Battle of Sexes' Evened Up, 2-2

The score in the "Battle of the Sexes," weekly quiz contest at Service Club 2, stands at 2-2 this week as the result of a 93-71 victory by GIs in the last round. Next Wednesday's feminine contestants will come from Crosby, Miss.

This week's was the first of the series in which the girls have not won all individual honors. S/Sgt. Donald L. Miller, Co. F, 254th Inf., led the field with 45 points. Miss Ann Baine, of Gloster, Miss., had 41 points.

The GI team consisted entirely of men of the 254th. They were Sgt. Miller; Pvt. Ralph Meinking, Med. Det., and Pvt. James Hanna, Co. I. The Gloster girls were Gloria Clark, Leah Walton and Miss Baine.

Col. Mesick Leaves; New CO in 255th



Col. Elliott Watkins

A new commander, Col. Elliott Watkins, assumed command of the 255th Inf. this week and Division Artillery lost its veteran executive officer, Col. John Mesick, who transferred to Camp Gruber, Okla. Col. Mesick will command the recently formed 250th Field Artillery Group.

Col. Watkins is a graduate of West Point, class of 1918. He was overseas with the Third Division, Army of Occupation, in 1919 and served at different posts at Fort Benning, Ga. He came to the 63d from the XVIII Corps at Camp Pickett, Va., where he commanded the Fifth Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops.

The Colonel has one son, John, 17, a plebe at West Point, and another, William, who is nine years old.

Col. Mesick was with the 63d (Continued on Page 3)



Col. John Mesick

Soldier Vote Act Now Lets in All Civilians Can See

WASHINGTON—Lifting the cloud of political darkness drawn over Army personnel by the propaganda regulations of the Servicemen's Voting Act, President Roosevelt has signed amendments which are intended to open the way for sale and distribution through Army and Navy facilities of all magazines and books in general circulation among civilians, within the limits of available transportation.

The amendments, sped through the House and Senate after the public furor that followed the suppressive clauses of the original measure, will also permit the rebroadcast of political speeches to troops over government stations, provided equal time is allowed to any political party having a presidential candidate in six or more states.

Nonpartisan Selection

Motion pictures generally available to the public shall be shown without restriction but shall be selected in an impartial and nonpartisan manner. This amendment was inspired largely by the Army ban on the film "Wilson," considered necessary under the wording of the original measure.

Transportation will have a large part in the eventual action on new books and other publications, for the new bill directs that the choices shall be made in some "impartial manner" prescribed by the Army and Navy, such as proven preference among troops or recommendations of expert committees.

Untouched in the bill is the clause forbidding propaganda material paid for with government funds. This covers any government-financed printed matter, film or radio presentation which, "when considered in its entirety, contains political propaganda obviously designed to affect the results" of presidential or congressional elections.

Debate on Interpretation

Senate debate on the amendments brought into the open the dispute between proponents of the original measure and War Department authorities on interpretation of the original measure.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) protested that the amendments were unnecessary since they expressed no more than the original intentions of Congress. The whole trouble, he said, lay in the unnecessarily "restrictive, nonsensical, unreasonable" and "utterly ridiculous" interpretation of the original measure by the War Department and its Morale Division. This brought the retort by Chairman Theodore Green of the Committee on Privileges and Elections that "the Congress and not the Army is responsible" for the confusion.

Khaki gets its name from a Hindu word meaning "dust-colored."

KNOW YOUR GENERALS



Mark Wayne Clark,
Fighting Diplomat

THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES

Two years and more ago Gen. Mark W. Clark lost his pants and umpty-ump thousands of dollars in the Mediterranean—but the same operation that saw his snazzy pinks go down to the bottom of the sea saw North Africa won for the United Nations—and the whole war picture changed from one of watchful despair to joyous execution of victory.

This was part of the daring venture that brought the lanky, boyish-looking general to public celebrity for the first time, and it sounded like something straight out of the Boy Allies. It involved no less than the brazen theft of all Vichyite North Africa from under the noses of the unsuspecting Germans.

The general's dramatic secret trip to French North Africa came three weeks before our troops moved in. He sped there by plane and submarine from London, conferred with picked French generals in an isolated farmhouse near the coast and arranged for the wholesale collaboration of the French army with little more than token resistance. He was almost captured at the very moment of success by suspicious Axis sympathizers and had he not managed to pull a Hairbreadth Harry escape thousands of more American men would have died in the conquest of Africa. But the saving of these lives has been but a small part of his contribution to our success in the Mediterranean theater.

Example in Advertising

For long dreary months, when frostbite and trench foot and deadily waiting took the flush off our bloody victory at Salerno, it was the example and spirit of Mark Clark that kept our troops going against the seemingly insuperable defense of Cassino and the wall of steel that hemmed us in on the Anzio beachhead.

When the breakthrough to Rome came it was no more than the common soldiers had expected of their general. They had seen his calm, confident figure passing nonchalantly along the most dangerous parts of the line and they knew at the darkest moment that Clark would win through for them.

What impressed them most in their long struggle up to the gateway of France, whether they knew it or not, was the almost effortless tact Gen. Clark injected into every situation that faced him. Whether confronting a wounded soldier in an evacuation hospital hard behind the lines or laying down the law to hard-headed Gen. Darlan—a stroke that did more than a dozen battles in winning Africa for us but cost him temporarily all his popularity at home, the general seemed to know instinctively how to act to get the best results. Next to Gen. Eisenhower, he is the best diplomat in the Army.

Typical Army Career

His early training hardly fitted Mark Clark for diplomacy for, except for one unfortunate period when he was assigned as a Chautauqua lecturer to popularize the Army—a period that he prefers to



Lt. Gen. Mark Wayne Clark

overlook, his has been a typical tough Army career.

Born in Madison Barracks, N. Y., where his father was an officer, he got out of West Point on April 17, 1917, just in time to get into the biggest war the United States had faced up to that time. A year later he sailed for France with the 11th Inf. Regt. Although he was a supply officer, he managed to keep himself in the thick of things so successfully that he was wounded leading a battalion in the Vosges sector.

Although severely wounded, he was back for the action at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne offensive that proved to Von Hindenburg that there was no profit for Germany in war.

Steps to Command

After the war for 13 years he went through the regular run of infantry assignments until 1933, when he enrolled in the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth. In 1936, he was made Deputy Chief of Staff for the Civilian Conservation Corps, and in March, 1940, he went to the Army War College at Washington, D. C., as an instructor. In 1940, he was on the staff of General Headquarters at the Army War College and in 1942, became Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces.

He reached Europe in 1942, after being made Commanding General of the II Army Corps and

later commander of the ground forces in the European Theater of Operations. The North African campaign and his sensational successes as Commanding General of the Fifth Army in Italy followed.

There has been some comment to the effect that Gen. Clark is a perfectionist-plus. If you are ever called to serve under him there is a story concerning his son that you will do well to remember.

Young Clark came home one day with a report card with a proud 99 on it.

"Son," asked the general, "are you satisfied with this?"

"Sure," said the youngster, "aren't you?"

"Well, it isn't one hundred," answered the general.

"Dad," said the boy glumly, "you wouldn't be satisfied unless I got a hundred and ten."

General Blanding Inspects Blanding

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—For the first time in two years Blanding saw the man for whom it was named when Maj. Gen. Albert H. Blanding, Florida civilian defense chief, reviewed the State Guard in training here.

The Blood and Fire (63d Div.) was activated at Camp Blanding, June 15, 1943.

Gen. Blanding, whose office did most of the original work in selecting the site and investigating the potentialities of the camp, recalled the task of "cutting through the jungle" to make it in 1940 and 1941 and predicted that it would be a place of guard training for many years to come. As chief of the state National Guard Bureau, Gen. Blanding sent the plans for Camp Blanding to the Secretary of War for final approval.

He had no comment to make on proposals that the camp be continued after the war for use in a compulsory youth training program or on the proposed postwar merger of National Guard organizations.

Normandy Cider Kayos Thirsty Nazi Soldiers

NORMANDY—Normandy cider, that potent beverage sold by the pitcher to tourists, caused the downfall of one group of Nazis who somehow escaped the fury of Allied arms. Four German soldiers were found in a cider house with cups upraised and rifles stacked outside. They were captured by a squad led by Sgt. Thomas Mashburn, Abilene, Tex. Ten other reeling Germans who already had quaffed the beverage were picked up in the same vicinity.



WASHINGTON—The War Manpower Commission urged the extension of shopping services in war absenteeism. WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt suggested such conveniences as laundry pickup service, facilities for payment of insurance premiums, gas and electric bills, and automobile repair establishments.

HOLLYWOOD—George McDaniel, 58 years old, early-day motion picture actor-singer who came to Hollywood from New York light opera and stock company engagements, died of a heart attack at his nearby San Fernando valley home.

ROANOKE, Va.—Roanoke police looked at all the pennies they had salvaged from a weighing machine which a thief unsuccessfully had tried to force, and decided, in the words of Acting Detective Captain Frank Webb, that "it was too much work to count all those brownies." So they weighed them and the weight thereof was 67 pounds, net. Roanoke banks opined that a pound of pennies would come to \$1.50.

KANSAS CITY—The president and treasurer of the Kansas City Ice Co. sent word to Federal Judge Merrill Otis that they would have to leave their ice pulling jobs on the locks if they appeared in a lawsuit. The judge granted their request for delay when their attorney explained that officers of the company were filling in on the docks because of the manpower shortage.

ROANOKE, Va.—On the basis of examined cans of food captured from the enemy, Fritzle hasn't been eating nearly as well as GI Joe. German cans of food analyzed for the Quartermaster Corps showed, in addition to corrosion, diced potatoes and beans which were dark and discolored, and untrimmed carrots and meat so tough and stringy they could not be chewed.

ATLANTA—Blond Evelyn Ambrose, 24, a singer with Gene Krupa's orchestra in New York since last April, drowned when the boat in which she was rowing sprang a leak.

OKLAHOMA CITY—A semicon-siderate burglar paid a visit to the home of Miss Vivian Salmon. In place of her set of silverware he left five old, rusty knives.

NEW YORK—Squeak of chalk on slate blackboards is due to be as outmoded as McGuffey's reader in New York schools. A glass surface on which a specially designed dustless chalk will be noiseless is one of the new types of boards being considered in a reconditioning program for schools here.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Because Adolf Hitler lived up to the bad things said about him years ago, Herbert Williamson has his \$8.75 back in his pocket. Back in 1941, Williamson, a World War I veteran, was fined that amount by Police Judge Edward G. Burleson for sweating at the Fueler in a public place. Williamson recently asked the judge for a refund on the grounds that "you've had time to determine everything I said about him was correct." He didn't get his money back, but the Eight-Ball Division of the Grand Rapids Crackpot Club voted him the \$8.75.

SEDALIA, Mo.—Emmett Sullivan found a summons on his automobile requesting him to report to the internal revenue office to explain why there was no use stamp on the car. While he was upstairs, another agent placed a second summons on his car. Sullivan went back to straighten that one up. When he got back he found a summons to report to police headquarters to pay a fine for parking overtime.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Matson Navigation Co. has announced plans to fly passengers from the Pacific Coast to Hawaii after the war for \$175. Flights are planned to leave Honolulu, Los Angeles and San Francisco morning and evening; Portland and Seattle twice (Continued on Page 8)

The Wolf

by Sansone



Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0850.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapels 6, 7—1100.
Chapel 5, Episcopal Service—1100.
Chapel 8, Lutheran Service—1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
Chapel 5, Sunday, Church of Christ Service—2000.
Chapel 8, Sunday, Prayer—1830.
Chapel 7, Monday, Bible Study—1930.
Chapel 8, Thursday, Evening Prayer—1930.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**
Sunday Masses
Chapels 5, 7, 10—0800.
Theater 5—0900.
Theater 7—1000.
Theater 1—1030.
OT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
Week Day Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
Chapel 7, Tuesday, Thursday, 1830.
Chapel 10—Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
Confession
Chapel 5, 7, 10, Saturday—1830 to 2000.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
Hospital—1830.
Chapel 7—2000.
Sunday
Chapel 9—1100.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
Chapel 8, Sunday—1800.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'



You know it's gotten to where I know beforehand the mistakes a squad or platoon will make when they go through a problem. And a funny thing, too, you can tell 'em about it ahead of time and caution 'em against the errors you know they're going to make and damned if they don't go ahead and make 'em anyway. Take for example that rifle platoon combat firing proficiency test. I talked until I was blue in the face to my first platoon and did it do any good? Hell, no! Let me tell you what happened and you see if it doesn't have a familiar ring:

1. The platoon leader, a Tech. Sergeant, didn't issue any order until I kicked him in the shins. Later he explained that he thought the control officer had given everybody plenty of dope when he oriented them.
2. After the platoon had deployed and before they moved out everybody either stood up or took that damned turkey squat because they were on the side of the hill away from the enemy. God help them if a mortar shell had landed among them.
3. The base of fire took a position on the forward slope of the hill where every mother's son of them could be picked off by the enemy.
4. Mighty few remembered to use their slings and consequently most of the silhouette targets were as unharmed as if they had been in a church—all except the two standing ones in full view on each end. They shot hell out of these along with some old ones off to one side which had been up about a month and were not a part of the problem—this because the leaders made no effort to control the fire.
5. The BAR team bunched up around the BAR like flies on a cake and then the damned thing wouldn't shoot—too dirty.

Col. Mesick Leaves 63d For New Post

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when it was activated at Camp Blanding, Fla., in June, 1943. He was formerly commander of the famous 7th Field Artillery Observation Battalion to which Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, was attached. The former Div. Arty executive officer is an artillery expert and developed the "sound and flash" system of artillery detection. He is also a crack shot with the pistol and held the championship of the Philippines while on foreign duty. Col. Mesick left the 63d for his new post on Tuesday. Lt. Col. Chester H. Anderson is acting executive officer of Division Artillery at the present time.

Hens Must Produce In Reich or Else

MADRID—German papers reaching Spain report that Hitler's general mobilization scheme for Germany and occupied countries has been extended to include bantam hens. Henceforth they must provide at least 60 eggs annually toward the triumph of the Greater Reich. Regular sized hens already had been mobilized for 60 eggs a year.

6. The two squads making the envelopment strolled along as if they had an umbrella of protection from the Lord or P47's; threw a grenade which landed 50 yards short and assaulted from a kind of a diamond formation, which was no damned good.

7. After the assault and reorganization the platoon leader went back and signalled the base of fire to come up. The only thing wrong was that he didn't wait to see if it was seen—which it wasn't. Consequently, it stayed back there while the platoon went on forward. Later on when the platoon leader needed it he had to wait a hell of a long time for it.

It was SNAFU from start to finish and got a richly deserved "U." Since then I have been doing a lot of thinking as to why. The answer is as big as the red nose on my face: the NCOs, particularly the leaders, just weren't on the job. They either didn't have the gumption to realize that they are responsible or the guts to make the G.I.'s do what they are supposed to do. The Old Man saw eye to eye with me on a few recommendations I made to him that the Government be saved some money on some lazy NCOs who were (they ain't now) stoop shouldered from carrying chevrons.

I was so disgusted I stuck around and saw another outfit go through. It actually helped my feelings to see that there could be another one as lousy as mine. Misery loves company, I reckon, which is why I am writing this.

In closing, I'd like to ask you gutless guys with stripes just one question: If you can't take that squad by the throat and run it now what in hell are you going to do in combat? And don't get me wrong, either; there are lots of fine NCOs who know and do their stuff in this Division. I am talking to those who don't and it doesn't take many of these to spoil the work of the good ones. So, if the shoe fits put it on.

'Good Neighbor Bugle' Plays for 254th

The same bugle that played "Taps" over the graves of unknown Mexican and American soldiers of the Mexican-War of 1846-1848 in an international ceremony at Brownsville, Tex., last year is now playing in the Drum and Bugle Corps of the 254th Inf., the spirited outfit whose music you hear on 13th Avenue each afternoon.

The new bugler is Pfc. George Barrera, a direct descendant of the famous Texas heroine, Alamonte Dickinson, one of the few women to escape alive from the Alamo. Mrs. Dickinson not only escaped Santa Ana's massacre, but carried a baby alive through it with her by concealing it in a niche dug deep into the historic citadel's earthen walls. The niche is pointed out to all tourists who visit the cradle of Texan independence.

Barrera was serving at Ft. Brown, Brownsville, Tex., when the Mexican government sent representatives to decorate the graves of American and Mexican dead of the war of 1846 in one of the most significant gestures of the Good Neighbor policy.

The Drum and Bugle Corps recently added five more buglers from the 862d F. A., bringing its

Letters to the 63d From Overseas

A HERO'S DAY: 40 DEAD HEINIES

Prize entry in this week's combat tips from overseas is a letter from M/Sgt. Alvin M. Dawson, former assistant sergeant major, 254th Inf., now chief clerk in the G-1 Sec., 3d Div., in Italy. He wrote to T/Sgt. Harry Tennant, Co. K, 254th Inf.

One of Sgt. Dawson's pet peeves while in the States was the necessity for attending classes, "but don't let anybody kid you about this night problem business. I guess that's about the most important part of the training back there. And it pays off over here. You have to be able to move around and do things without any lights and do them fast."

Knappenberger's Story
Because his work keeps him at division headquarters, Sgt. Dawson "can't be considered even remotely a combat soldier," he says, but he has "made a few trips up pretty close to the front and I've seen and heard enough to know that the guys up in the rifle companies are the boys who deserve the credit. They catch hell and nothing should be too good for them in my estimation."

"The section I am in handles awards, among other things. We just had a kid get one—Knappenberger was his name, and you may have read of him. (The sergeant refers to Pfc. Alton W. Knappenberger, of Pennsylvania, the "one-man army of Anzio," a 20-year-old veteran who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for holding off two German companies and mowing down nearly 60 Nazis.) After the award was approved, we jerked him out of the line and put him under glass back with my section so he wouldn't get himself knocked off before he could be given the medal. I got to know him pretty well."

"He didn't look like the stuff of which heroes are made, but he was a BAR man. His company received orders to withdraw from a position. All the officers had been casualties, and the withdrawal started pretty fast. He got mad, grabbed his BAR and knocked off around six machine gun nests."

40 Germans in Hour
"He stayed under enemy small arms fire for three hours and got over 40 Germans to his credit. He was firing at ranges of around

Mail Call!

That letter you received in yesterday's mail from a buddy overseas might just bring a lot of amusing good fellowship and gossip to you, but hidden away in it may be a secret learned in combat that will save the life of the man standing next to you. Look your letters over and see if they have anything that might help a man in combat—and if they do send them along to BLOOD AND FIRE, 63d Div., APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss. We'll give you credit and we'll see that the letter gets back to you. If it's too private, just copy off the part that might interest some other soldier, and send it along. You may be saving a life.

50 yards, single shot, he told me. According to the citation, at one time a whole platoon rushed his position and he stopped the rush.

"He was also catching mortar fire and grenades. He told me he fired from the kneeling position most of the time because he could see better that way. To top it all off, he ran out of ammunition, so he crawled forward 15 yards under fire to a casualty, took his M1 clips, changed the ammunition to BAR clips and crawled back to his position and stuck with it. When he finally ran out of ammunition he had to withdraw 300 yards under fire, but he had stopped a whole battalion, according to the citation. There is a lot of that stuff" (the sergeant refers to citations for heroism and gallantry) "coming through."

"Speaking of these air raids—the thing that bothers me most is the AA fire. I don't like the idea of all that stuff dropping back down on me. And a couple of times a German plane was strafing at night around my bunk, or so it seemed to me. At least, I could hear the crack a bullet makes when it comes close to you. Actually the bullets were hitting on a road a couple of hundred yards away, I guess, but it made me feel slightly uncomfortable. I think if it was daytime and you could see what was going on better it might not be so bad."

Letter from Lt. John E. Tullhame, formerly with the 254th Inf., is mostly advice to a fellow-officer but contains some weighty kernels of thought for the enlisted man who'd like to learn how to stay alive.

Lt. Tullhame's letter, addressed to Lt. Archelaus Hamblen of the 254th, says in part:

"I'm sitting at the edge of my de luxe foxhole in France, and I thought I'd drop you a line. I was up at the front as an observer, and here's the dope:

"Train your men as riflemen thoroughly. An untrained man is just another casualty. Men must dig or die.

Squad Leaders' Problems
"Squad leaders must be aggressive and forceful. They are attaching a tank and a demolition detail to the rifle squad under control of the squad leader, so you can see what it means. Platoon leaders are armed with the .45 pistol and the M-1, squad leaders with the Tommy gun.

"Control is extremely difficult in all phases of battle.

"These are just a few of my observations. Keep going back there and we'll move here."

Foxholes are largely the subject of a letter from Pvt. Arthur Ritter, now a cook in France, to Cpl. Louis Syc with whom he served in Hq. Co., 253d Inf. You'd better learn to build your foxhole with everything but hot and cold running water, because you'll be spending a lot of time in it. Ritter closes his letter, a very shakily written business, with this observation:

"As you can see, foxholes are no places to write letters."

Another letter to Cpl. Syc, from Pvt. Edward A. Tittle, with the Engineers in Italy, congratulates Syc on having been transferred to Communications.

"You're in a good line of the Army now," Tittle writes. "Everybody at the front lines these days depends on communications of some sort. My buddy was a communications man over here, a wire man. His job was stringing wire along the trails, roads, mountains, wherever we needed it. He is home now, having received the Silver Star for some damned fine work. Damn near lost his neck, too!"

CT White Band At Baton Rouge

The 254th Inf. orchestra will make a two-day stand at the Baton Rouge USO tonight and tomorrow afternoon. The band will play for the regular dance for service personnel at the Community club on Florida St., tonight and tomorrow afternoon will play in the auditorium of the USO.

A new addition to the orchestra is Pvt. Richard Sorenson, onetime trumpeter for Charlie Spivak. Pvt. Harold Bryan, former drummer for Tony Pastor, will be featured to-

night in a special arrangement of "China Boy."

Last week-end the 254th band played for a dance at the Municipal auditorium in Natchez, sponsored by the Military Maids, for a tea dance at the Servicemen's Center, and before the baseball game between the 63d All Stars and the Esler Field nine at Liberty Park in Natchez.

Russian Pilot Credited With 59 Enemy Planes

RUSSIA (CNS)—Undisputed Allied ace of aces in World War II is Lt. Col. Alexander Pokryshkin, of the Soviet Air Force, who has downed 59 enemy planes.

Hershey Discusses Discharge Prospect

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return. A heading of both policies has been indicated, but those who lack combat experience may be the last to come home.

The job of demobilizing the greatest army in American history is already under way, for thousands are being returned daily for release because of wounds or injury. In charge of this program has been placed Brig. Gen. William F. Tompkins, a Virginian with three sons in the service.

Soldiers returning home will be sent to separation centers, five of which have already been set up: Ft. McPherson, Ga.; Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; Ft. Dix, N. J.; Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and the Presidio, of Monterey, Calif. There they will get a physical examination and medical treatment if needs.

After World War I the returning soldier got the money coming to him and his rail fare back home. This time when he gets there he will find men to give him advice about such things as jobs, vocational training, transportation, life insurance, etc.

Discouraging any premature hope of early release, War Department officers point out that a great number of U. S. soldiers will be required to police Germany and that many more will continue to be sent to the Pacific theater of war.

Japs' Picture of War Slightly Out of Focus

GUAM (CNS)—Civilian residents of Guam got a peculiar picture of the war from the Japs during the Nipponese occupation of this island. One liberated Guam civilian told Marines that the Japs said they had captured the Hawaiian Islands, sailed through the Panama Canal, destroyed the U. S. Fleet and billeted in Washington.



Pfc. George Barrera and his international bugle.

total complement to 31 men, including a new cymbal-player, Pvt. Harry Griggsby, Co. C, 244th.

The Drum and Bugle Corps is under the direction of WOJG John Hagg.

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EDITORIAL

THE AWOLS AGAIN

Occasionally, in the interest of honor and efficiency, the Army has to haul off and let one fly at AWOLs in general. The Division has just done so in a gentle way, putting a premium on perfect attendance in a company by permitting every company without any goons over the hill to have the rare and luxurious privilege of skipping reveille. And the Division also takes that opportunity to stress again how each AWOL is rattling on his fellow-soldiers by reinstating compulsory attendance for 30 days for the full company each time an AWOL or a group of AWOLs is reported.

The war—and we say this proudly—seems to be entering a brighter stage and in the distance you can almost hear the welcoming music back home. There is a tendency to ease off a bit in the glow of victory—and it's dangerous business. Many a punch-drunk pug is walking on his heels today because for a brief moment just before the kill he turned away to wave to a friend at ringside. And the Army is going to make sure that doesn't happen to you—if it has to break your neck to save you.

The drive on AWOLs isn't just a Divisional affair. The entire Army is cracking down on the last-minute goof-offs, and nothing in your record will save you if you hit the trail or miss that last train. T/Sgt. Charles E. Kelly is an excellent case in point. Commando Kelly, whose gallantry in Italy is a legend in the Army and who wears the Congressional Medal of Honor for his deeds, couldn't quite make it on time in returning from a furlough. He explained, with some justification, that the enthusiasm of well-wishers on his way back from home to camp had delayed him, but a court-martial at Ft. Benning, Ga., overruled his excuses and gave him a \$90 fine and three months' restriction to quarters. If this can happen to Commando Kelly we shudder to think what might happen to the average yardbird.

It's old stuff, but we feel we have to say it again. The man who goes over the hill intentionally is even more of a slacker than the termite who just can't get up in time to get to his war job. He is a traitor to his duty and to the men who sweated and trained beside him, and who are still taking it on the chin while he's hiding out at home. No matter what impelled him to his cowardly desertion, there are always men back in camp who are managing to stand up under heavier burdens.

The AWOL is usually a bit of a pinhead and always a coward, morally if not physically. There's nothing admirable or devil-may-care about him. He doesn't prove he's a man by running away from his problems, but he does prove that he's not quite right in the head and not very strong in the heart.

What punishment the Army metes out to him—and it can be plenty tough—is amply deserved, but much more than that the AWOL deserves the contempt of the buddies he let down. Maybe some morning when you're hitting the door on the double because the fellow in the next bunk walked out on you you'll appreciate just what a worm he is.



News from Here and There

End of Admiral Endo Sad Story for Japs

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Adm. Kiichi Endo, commander of a Jap fleet routed recently at New Guinea, is believed to have fled his sinking ship and perished in the Cyclops jungles.

An American staff officer with a flair for signposts, erected one in Endo's memory at a plantation bordering the jungle where the admiral died. It read:

"Admiral Endo Slept Here."
On Pim Beach near Hollandia is another sign:
"Admiral Endo Flew Here."
And deep in the jungle is the American officer's final tribute to the Jap:
"Admiral Endo Dead Here—End o' Endo."

Allied Airborne Units Under One Command

FRANCE (CNS)—In a move to hasten the end of the war in Europe, Gen. Eisenhower has consolidated the Allied combined airborne forces into one command.

Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, former commander of the Ninth AAF, will head the new air army with Lt. Gen. Frederick A. M. Browning, of the British Army, as deputy commander. The command will include American, British and Canadian troops.

Army Speeds Building Of Jet Powered Engines

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Army is going strong for the production of jet-powered engines, according to a report released recently by the General Electric Company with the permission of the War department.

General Electric has announced that it will devote 600,000 feet of floor space to manufacture the turbines.

GI Insurance Totals Nearly \$118 Billion

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Veterans' Administration now has become the world's largest life insurance company. It has policies worth \$117,670,000,000 outstanding for men and women in the service.

Yanks Repairing Nazi Weapons for Own Use

CHERBOURG (CNS)—An abandoned French lumber warehouse has been converted into a massive supply room where German supplies captured by Yanks are being repaired for use by the Allies.

Captured equipment already put back into service includes Japanese and Italian weapons, Russian machine guns, German firearms and

even some guns from American aircraft, all of which were used by the Germans in the defense of the Normandy peninsula.

Coast Guard Wants Temporary Duty Men

NEW YORK (CNS)—Hey, soldier! Hey you from Brooklyn! Got any healthy relatives back home?

If you have and if they have any spare time, tell them to sign up with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is seeking 2,000 men to serve in the New York area as members of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Men who join as temporary reserves will remain civilians. For 24 hours a week, however, they are given full military authority and they wear regulation uniforms, performing all the duties of the regular Coast Guard in this area. Eligible are men over 17 who are American citizens of average physical fitness and not immediately subject to selective service.

Steel Foxhole Cover Saves Life of Soldier

FRANCE (CNS)—Pvt. Sam Gwin, of Great Falls, S. C., dug a foxhole and covered it with a steel plate from a captured German armored car. Then he fell asleep inside. A few minutes later an 88 shell landed smack on top of the plate and rang it like a cowbell. Gwin was unhurt.

Big-Footed Seabee Gets Wooden Shoes

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—A sad sack of a Seabee here was walking around barefoot for weeks because no one could supply him with his shoe size—a neat 14½. His problem was solved by the natives, however, who built a pair for him out of canvas and wood.

Army NCO Club Names Coast Guardsman Head

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla. (CNS)—"Old soldiers never die," but if they did, they might turn over in their graves upon hearing the latest news from this camp.

A Coast Guardsman, Robert Preim, BM2c, has just been elected to the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club Board of Directors. Preim is teaching a small boat course at the ASTP Center here.

Hitler Is Still Tops, He Says in Broadcast

LONDON (CNS)—Adolf Hitler, the Berlin radio said, told a recent meeting of Nazi party leaders that what Germany needed was a leader who would "under no circumstances capitulate" and that he was that man.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Robert E. Walet
(255th Infantry)

So often today one hears remarks: "Why doesn't God stop this war?" "Why doesn't God put an end to the suffering of body and mind and heart that war brings?"

Those who ask such questions would imply that the responsibility for such a world conflict is God's responsibility. They would seem to indicate that God is to blame for the awful bleeding of bodies and of hearts that goes on today. Before endeavoring to solve that question, before asking why God doesn't give the world peace, it would be well for these individuals to take a good look at man.

Man is the intelligent being whom God has created and made to rule over the entire universe. Man is the being endowed with God-like faculties of intelligence and free-will, the powers of reasoning and self-determination. God intends that man use these gifts properly and that he make use of this world of creatures in a reasonable way, and thus gain eternal life. That is why God gave man His ten commandments. That is why Jesus Christ taught His doctrine of love.

Today's world conflict exists because of man's doings, not God's. Not only individuals but nations have disregarded God's law: "Thou shalt not steal", "Thou shalt not covet . . .", "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Logically then, the effect is not peace but confusion and disorder. Such upheaval rocks the world today because the harmonizing rule of God's law does not reign in the hearts of men.

Peace is a tranquility of order. And though cannon-firing and bomb-exploding may cease by might of arms, true peace, which is a tranquility of order both in the world and in the heart of man, will come about and be maintained only by man's adherence to God's law.

Man must stop this war and bring about peace. God will help him, but man must do his part.

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

A few notes on the Jap that walks like a man . . . in New Guinea, the Japs stuck wounded American soldiers about 50 to 100 yards in front of their positions just at daybreak . . . When GIs crawled up to rescue their buddies, the Japs picked them off . . . and killed the wounded "bait" . . . It is not uncommon for Japs to poison the canteen water of their own dead . . . so that unsuspecting Americans will drink the water . . . and die.

One of the aims of Doc Goebbels has been to divide us from our Allies and so conquer us one by one . . . Well, fighting alongside of the British, Canadians, French, Dutch, Poles and supplying the Red Army has taught us how the truth destroys that propaganda line . . . but has it been working in dividing Americans fighting on the battlefronts from those on the production lines? The truth can beat this one too . . . The no-strike . . . no-lockout pledge of management and labor has been kept by over 99 per cent of labor and capital. . . . The Allies are outproducing the Axis by four to one . . . in four years labor and industry have turned out . . . 207,923 planes . . . almost 80,000 tanks . . . almost one and three-quarter million trucks . . . almost 10 million rifles . . . and have oversubscribed EVERY bond drive with a total of 86 billion bought when the goals totalled 67 billion. . . . And what about turning them back? More than 90 per cent of baby-bonds were still being held . . . And almost TWICE as many people have been killed in war industry as in the Navy and Army from Pearl Harbor to mid-July 1944.

Artillery orientation centers are featuring a story based on the captured records of a crack Nazi paratroop outfit . . . It testifies to the deadly power and accuracy of American artillery . . . and a captured Nazi general complained that he would have been able to make his getaway from his foxhole . . . but the artillery fire was too accurate and kept him pinned down . . . TS, Herr General . . .

Wonder what the Supermen think about the "degenerate" French now . . . the only question is probably the effect of so much French champagne on the German wind. . . . The Wehrmacht's theme song is no longer "We're Sailing Against England" . . . it's Tin Pan Alley's "Breathless" . . .

Nazis Make Good Hunting at Night, GIs Overseas Find

Here are a few things GIs learned about the German soldier during the first months of the fighting in France:

1. He fights hard and with courage. But when the going gets tough he's likely to quit.
2. He doesn't like to fight at night. And that's a good time to go out and get him. You can pick out his position better at night by following the line of the tracers from his machine guns. By day it's hard to see him because he fights behind hedgerows and his powder is very smokeless.
3. He's very tricky. If you give him a chance to pull a fast one on you, he'll go ahead and pull it. Watch him when he surrenders. German soldiers have been known to surrender with a white flag in one hand and a potato masher in the other. When they get close they are liable to let you have the grenade right in the face.
4. He's inclined to be trigger-happy. Sometimes he will fire aimlessly, just to build up his morale. Generally, however, he's a good shot and a dangerous man with a gun but he's no match for our men with a bayonet.

Physically, this 1944 edition of the German soldier is thinner and shorter than the 1940 model. The elderly superman is dead, or



Nazi Soldier

wounded, or guarding the front at home. His successor on the fighting front is a lesser man physically and psychologically, according to reports printed in Stars and Stripes and other newspapers abroad.

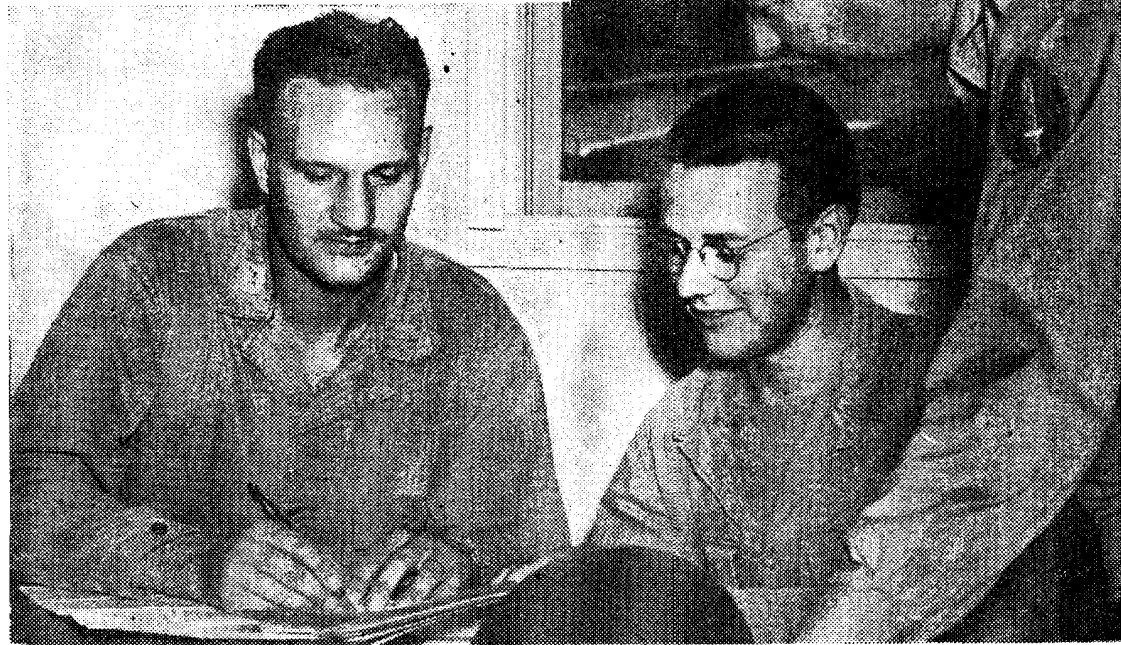
Gone is the arrogant, fanatical Nazi who laid waste the entire continent of Europe. His place has been taken by a smaller, shabbier, less enthusiastic and more bewildered soldier—a man who doesn't want to fight so hard, but who still knows how to do it.

To sum it up, the German soldier today isn't the fighter he once was, but he still is quick and smart, he's tough and he's wicked. Don't let him fool you!

London Searchlights Now Spot Flying Bombs

LONDON—Giant searchlights formerly used against German bombers now are turned on flying bombs so the man in the street can follow their course and take cover accordingly.

SCHOOL GOES ON—T/4 Henry Plaine, 253d Med. Det., quit high school at 17 to join the Army, but he's going to get his diploma through "Foxhole University," the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. Maj. N. C. Carlson (left) and Capt. E. C. Fritzsche, 253d Orientation Officer, are signing him up. Plaine is the first man in the 253d to enroll for the courses.



Payette Brothers Reunited in Camp

Pvt. Omar J. Payette of Co. K, 254th Inf., who until recently was attached to the 94th Div. at Camp McCain in upper Mississippi, was one GI who was glad when informed that he was to be transferred to Camp Van Dorn. The transfer meant reunion with his brother, T/4 Ernest L. Payette of Btry. C, 862d F. A. Now the brothers are quartered within a block of each other.

Ernest entered the Army 22 months ago and was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., where he became a radio technician and was later assigned to the cadre which helped activate the 63d at Camp Blanding, Fla. Omer has been in the Army just six months and has already qualified as expert with the M-1 carbine and BAR.

Besides being a radio quirk detector, Ernest is an artist whose work is very much in evidence about the 862d F. A. Prior to his joining the Army he was a commercial artist and he plans to jump right back into the same business after the war.

Another of his plans will not wait for the war to end, however. He plans to marry Miss Cecile Beauregard at New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 6. Omer is sweating out a furlough, for Ernest would like him to be best man.

Glib Japs Are Foiled By Astute Devil Dog

ENIWETOK ATOLL—Just before dawn seven shadowy figures approached a Marine on guard.

"Who's that?" the Marine yelled. "Hold your fire, Mac," came the answer.

"What's the password?" "Hold your fire, Mac," came again through the night air.

"That isn't the password," replied the Marine and, lifting his tommy gun, threw the lead at the indistinct figures for a full two minutes.

When the sun rose it revealed seven dead Japanese lying 15 yards from the foxhole.

CRAZY CROSSWORD (THIS ONE REQUIRES IMAGINATION) By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec. (Answers on Page 7)

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HORIZONTAL

1. Grind the brain gears.
6. "-----!!!" (These will do it nicely.)
12. You put your foot in it this time.
14. Double up with this one.
15. Limp this one out.
16. Puss to you.
18. Fruit with girlish curves.
19. Front end of a mule.
20. Kid lemon's kid brothers.
22. Illegally, this is the thing.
23. You'll be red in the face if you lose it.
26. Assumed the horizontal.
29. Get on the beam (Army style).
31. Dressed up ditty.
32. 410 to you.
34. You can look up to a person like this.

VERTICAL

1. Bat the breeze.
2. Take for a ride.
3. Required for a boarding house reach.
4. Give-a-look.
5. Clothes Santy will wear this Christmas.
7. Torrid Mother. (Not Hot Mama.)
8. Hervist the crups.
9. Before long ago.
10. Look 'em in the eye.
11. 'Tatters and tores.
13. Food phobia of actors.
16. Mississippi mud.
17. Plenty cute and snappy.
20. South sea charm bracelet for the neck.
21. One of the seven wet ones.
24. Did you say ten cents.
25. Keep this in your trousers.

VERTICAL

27. Goldbrick, goldbrick.
28. Home of Chief Sitting Bull.
30. Just a big racket, I figures.
33. Again and again and again.
35. For two—Berlin version.
36. Belfry boarder.
37. Made-to-order weather for the lovelorn.
39. Calm down, chum.
41. My----- for an equine.
44. Prays for Sgt. Snafu.
45. What to do between the lines.
48. First requirement for parking in a dark lane.
49. Her Royal Aspidistra.
51. The one and only.
52. Pea-'44.

'Foxhole College' Gets First Student From 253d Inf.

T/5 Henry L. Plaine, 253d Medical Det., today is the regiment's first student in "Foxhole University," the world-wide U. S. Armed Forces Institute which offers 270 subjects taught by outstanding scholars.

So, by mail, Plaine, at 18, will finally graduate from high school which he left at 17 to enlist.

By days Plaine, a podiatrist (foot doctor) with the 253d Medics, will labor on duty, and by night he'll pore over books and lessons sent from Madison, Wis., by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute to earn the credits he needs in chemistry, English, American history and second-year Spanish. When he completes these courses he will receive his diploma from Patterson Park High in Baltimore.

Plaine received the prompt aid of a major and a captain so that he could finish high school from Van Dorn by remote control.

His commanding officer, Maj. N. C. Carlson, 253d regimental surgeon, approved the curriculum for which Plaine signed. Then Capt. Edmund Fritzsche, 253d Orientation Officer, enrolled him in the school.

Capt. Fritzsche explained today that several hundred high school, technical school and college grade extension courses are offered through the institute by 84 co-operating universities, colleges and schools.

The cost of this education is two dollars for one or more correspondence courses. Free textbooks are offered GI students for off-duty classes.

"Students can perfect themselves while in the service to receive their high school diplomas, others to learn a trade, and still others are taking university extension courses," Capt. Fritzsche said.

254th Recordings Meet GI Tastes

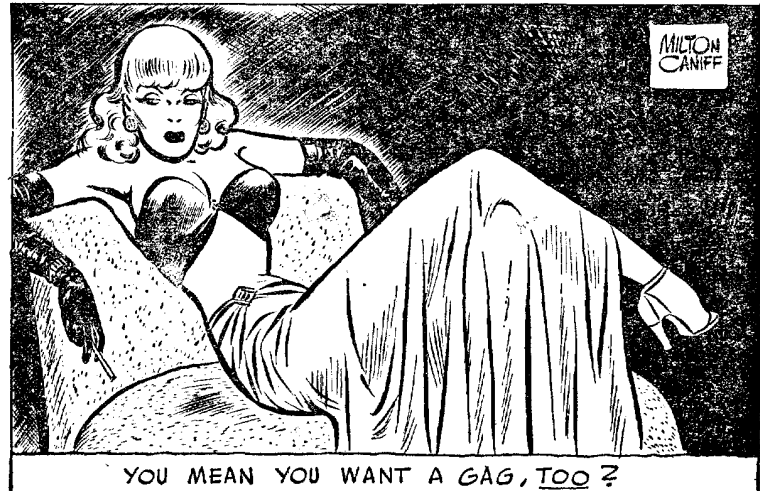
Twelve albums of phonograph recordings were added to the music library of the 254th Inf. Special Service Office last week. The recordings include records that will appeal to the varied tastes of GI music lovers. They will be heard each Wednesday night which has been designated as "Concert Night."

The album includes such recordings as Enesco's Rumanian Rhapsody No. 1 by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Benny Goodman's Sextet featuring the "Wang Wang Blues;" Xavier Cugat's Rhumba Album; "Forward March," martial music by the Goldman Band; an Album of the music of the Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, and the musical score of "The Song of Bernadette" with Alfred Neumann conducting.

Other recordings include the music of Irvin Berlin, including old favorites like "Always" and "Say It Isn't So"; Square Dances with Carson Robinson; Xavier Cugat's Mexican Album; "Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin with Jesus Maria Santoma at the piano; Gilbert and Sullivan tunes by the Old Drury Lane Opera Company and Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture as played by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra with Arthur Rodzinski conducting.

Since 1857 all land in the Netherlands East Indies has been owned by Indonesians and cannot be sold to others.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Contour Map (Note Magnetic Azimuths and Topographic Features)



YOU MEAN YOU WANT A GAG, TOO?

63d All Star Teams Sparkle in Two Games

Greenies Snap Jinx To Trim Vicksburg As Mendel Is Star

Blood and Fire Pitcher Gives Four Safeties As Mates Win, 5-2

With Pvt. Jimmie Mendel of the 763d Ord. Co., hurling four-hit ball and his mates doing a great job of backing him up in the field, the Greenies of the 63d Div., known for the day as the 63d All-Stars, defeated the Illinois Central Semi-Pros, 5-2, at Vicksburg Sunday afternoon. It was the first time in many meetings that the Van Dorn team was able to score a victory.

Pfc. Joe Barron, Jr., center-fielder, and "Blondy" Andrews, catcher, came through in the clutch to bang across four of the five runs scored by the Blood and Fire nine.

Mehall Rival Hurler

Opposing the victors was a soldier also, Sgt. Eugene Mehall of the 253d Inf., who pitched for the Semi-Pros and gave six hits. He also belted a triple which accounted for both of the Vicksburg runs. He knocked in Austin, who singled in the third, and scored himself on a double steal executed by Fennebaker and himself in that frame.

The Vicksburg nine scored two in the third to lead 2-0 until the winners tied the count in the fourth. Andrews walked and both he and Potoky were safe when the latter bunted and Mehall threw wild to second to catch Andrews. The runners advanced on Ormanski's sacrifice, and Barron's single through short and scored the runs.

Two more tallies in the fifth gave the Blood and Fire men the lead. Roberts walked. Burns sacrificed him to second and Andrews singled to score one run. Potoky and Barron belted one-baggers and Andrews scored. The final run came in the sixth. Mendell singled, followed by Roberts with another hit and, with two out, Andrews walked, loading the bases. Mendell scored as Wilder threw wide to first in an effort to nab Andrews off the bag.

Mendell pitched a fine game and was strong in the pinches. Barron and Roberts turned in fielding gems early in the game, when they made difficult catches in center and left respectively.

63d All-Stars - ABR H O A E. Dooley, 3b 5 0 0 1 0 0. Roberts, lf 3 1 1 1 0 0. Burns, ss 4 0 0 0 6 0. Andrews, c 1 2 1 6 1 0. Potoky, rf 4 1 1 0 0 0. Ormanski, 1b 4 0 0 12 0 0. Barron, cf 4 0 2 3 0 0. McGue, 2b 3 0 0 4 3 0. Mendell, p 4 1 1 0 4 0. Totals 32 5 6 27 14 0.

Vicksburg - ABR H O A E. Fennebaker, lf 2 0 0 1 0 0. King, cf, rf 4 0 1 1 0 0. Sheffield, 3b 2 0 0 0 0 0. Wilder, c 4 0 0 6 0 1. McCabe, 2b, 3b 2 0 0 2 2 0. Zimmerman, cf 1 0 1 4 0 0. Hunt, 1b 4 0 0 11 1 0. Austin, rf, 2b 4 1 1 0 1 0. Mehall, p 4 1 1 2 5 1. Totals 27 2 4 27 9 2.

Score by innings: 63d All-Stars 000 221 000-5. Vicksburg 002 000 000-2. Runs batted in: Barron 3, Andrews, Mehall; three-base hit, Mehall; double plays, Mendell to McGue to Ormanski, Mehall to McCabe to Hunt; sacrifices, Burns, Ormanski; stolen bases, Roberts, Andrews, Fennebaker, Wilder, Mehall; bases on balls, off Mendell 4, off Mehall 8; strike-outs, by Mendell 7, by Mehall 6; hit by pitcher, by Mendell (Sheffield, Zimmerman); left on bases, 63d All-Stars 10, Vicksburg 7; umpires, Cohn and Woodrick; time, 2:08.

QM Nine Tops Officers. The Enlisted Men's nine of Division QM defeated the officers, of the QM and 763d Ord. Co., 4-1 in a game at Ordnance Field this week. Sgt. Al DeFrancesco hurled a smart game for the GIs while Lt. John Bosak of Ordnance did well for the officers.

Johnny Vander Meer, of Sampson, and Virgil Trucks, of Great Lakes, are the two hottest pitchers in the Navy. Johnny has fanned 55 men in 45 innings, and Trucks, has whiffed batters at the rate of 1.43 an inning.

Charley Keller, now in the Merchant Marine, hit a home run in every American League city in 1943 for the New York Yankees.



STAR PITCHER is Pfc. Willis Waugh of the CT Red baseball nine, who hurled a no-hit, no-run game Thursday night against CT Blue in a Division Baseball League game which ended in a 0-0 tie in the seventh inning.

Tough Eight Game Schedule Faces LSU Football Team

Sports fans among men of the 63d Div. will have a chance to see a stronger and more versatile Louisiana State University eleven in action this fall than the one which represented the Tigers last year, according to Coach Bernie Moore, this despite the fact that there will be no Steve Van Buren to carry the mail this season.

Already a squad of 40-odd ambitious youngsters among whom are nine veterans, has started preliminary training under the veteran head coach, who is in his tenth season as mentor of the Purple and Gold.

A tough eight-game schedule

Cinder Streak

If speed means anything in assembling the data of a regimental personnel office, the 255th Inf. has a man that qualifies for the job.

He is Capt. Harry Walters, personnel adjutant. He is a former cinder path star who for six years held the Mississippi State scholastic record for the mile and later reeled off the 880 for LSU in 1 minute 54 and 5/10 seconds. Capt. Walters earned the nickname "Blue" because he streaked away from all opposition. His scholastic record gave him a reputation and when he enrolled at LSU in 1934 he became outstanding on the track. As a member of the Tiger varsity which won the Southern Conference title three years running, he shared in the spotlight of individual achievements.

The captain, who is 29 years old, graduated in 1938 and returned to his Alma Mater as assistant coach of track. He holds a BS degree in education and a Master's degree in Public Welfare Administration. He entered the Army in 1942 thus making active his ROTC commission as a lieutenant.

faces the Tigers and they will start right off with a bang on Saturday, September 30, by playing Alabama's Crimson Tide at the Baton Rouge stadium. Rice will be encountered at Houston, Tex., October 7, and then the Texas Aggies and Mississippi State will follow each other at Baton Rouge. Georgia will be encountered at Atlanta, and Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Tulane will play at LSU.

Among the lettermen back will be Gene "Red" Knight, who served as an understudy to big Steve Van Buren, the man who led the Tigers to an Orange Bowl bid and a January 1 victory over the Texas Aggies. Knight, a sophomore, weighs 175 pounds and is a capable runner, passer and kicker.

New blood has been injected into the squad with the arrival of a score or more former high school stars from Louisiana and vicinity. Such ex-prep stars as Mel Didier of Baton Rouge, Andy Lay of Homer, Ray Coates and Gerald Bartucci, Jesuit stars of New Orleans; Y. A. Tittle of Marshall, Tex.; Elwyn Rowan of Memphis, Dan Sandifer of Shreveport and Farris Bullock of El Dorado, are among the bright lights who have thrown in their lot with the Bengals.

- The LSU schedule: September 30—Alabama at Baton Rouge. October 7—Rice at Houston. October 14—Texas Aggies at Baton Rouge. October 21—Mississippi State at Baton Rouge. October 28—Georgia at Atlanta. November 4—Tennessee at Baton Rouge. November 18—Georgia Tech at Baton Rouge. December 2—Tulane at Baton Rouge.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh is not only adept at slinging a football but he can also swing a lariat. Recently he snapped a calf in 17:5 seconds.

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Waugh Pitches No-Hitter as Reds Tie Blue

Turning in one of the outstanding pitching feats of the season in the Division Baseball League, Pfc. Willis Waugh, new CT Red hurler, pitched no-hit, no-run ball for seven innings Thursday night as his team battled the CT Blue nine 0-0 at the CT White field. Darkness prevented the playing of nine full innings. The Redcats are still leading the second round with six victories and no defeats.

Bill Haag, the Blue team's hurler, did a fine job for his team by permitting only three scratch hits. Both teams played heads-up ball despite the soggy of the field. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, umpired the game.

Waugh, lanky and lean, made his debut with the Redcats last week when his team defeated the 214th F. A. Invaders, 9-4. The game was punctuated by four home runs.

The box score: CT Red—ABR H O A E. Freeman, rf 3 0 0 0. Ahlstrom, ss 3 0 0 0. Wilder, c 3 0 0 0. Mehall, 3b 2 0 0 0. Church, lf 2 0 0 0. Nolan, rf 1 0 0 0. Crews, 2b 2 0 0 0. Poggi, 2b 1 0 0 0. Waugh, p 2 0 0 0. Totals 21 0 2. Score by innings: 253d Infantry 000 000 000-0. 255th Infantry 000 000 000-0.

Army, Navy Teams To Rule Gridiron

According to Lou Little, that astute mentor of the Columbia Lions, the Army and Navy teams will dominate the gridiron picture at home this year.

"They'll take the spotlight away from Notre Dame," says Little, "because they'll have the strongest college teams in the country."

Yale and Penn are picked as potential powers in the East, Yale, the doormat for teams last fall, has a veteran line this season. Dartmouth, studded with trainees, and Cornell also will field winning teams.

Speaking with a catch in his voice, Little predicted that his own Lions should improve on their 1943 record when they lost every game. This year the Lions have one veteran. However, the Light Blue has had 83 men in uniform for preseason practice and 110 on the rolls.

Columbia will have the benefit not only of Little's expert tutelage but also that of Tad Wieman, former Princeton coach. The Tigers have abandoned football for this season.

Co. H, 254th, Wins 2d Battalion Title

Scoring 10 runs in a hectic fourth inning, the Co. H ten of the 254th Inf. routed Co. F, 14-0 to win the softball championship of the 2d Bn. Monday afternoon at the CT White field.

The victors, behind the three-hit pitching of Settineri, amassed a total of 23 bingles from the combined efforts of Carlson and Lauderdale of Co. F. Dooley, winning shortstop, had a perfect day at bat, getting five hits in as many trips to the plate.

The lineups: Co. F—Co. H—. Ryan, lf 1 0 0 0. Massaro, cf 3 0 0 0. Sutorius, ss 2 0 0 0. Bottorff, 1b 1 0 0 0. Taylor, c 2 0 1 0. Reynlds, sf 2 0 1 0. Allen, rf 2 0 0 0. D'argenio, 2b 2 0 0 0. Carlson, p 0 0 0 0. L'd'rdale, p 0 0 0 0. Hamilton, c 0 0 0 0. Totals 18 0 3. Co. H—Cohen, rf 4 2 1 0. Lebowitz, lf 4 2 3 0. Dooley, ss 5 3 5 0. Jandl, 1b 5 1 3 0. F'm'l'aro, 3b 4 1 2 0. Duval, 2b 4 1 3 0. Lovelace, sf 4 2 2 0. Coughlin, c 3 1 3 0. Reud, cf 1 1 0 0. Settineri, p 4 0 0 0. Bark, rf 1 0 0 0. Sullivan, cf 1 0 1 0. Totals 40 14 23 6.

Score by innings: Co. F 000 000 000-0. Co. H 110 (10) 29 x-14. Three Boston Braves, Max Macon, Stan Klopp and Chet Ross, have been classified 1A, and so have Max Marshall, Reds, Preacher Roe, Pittsburgh, Nappy Reyes, Giants, and Mickey Owen, Dodgers.

CT Blue Ties Esler 4-4 in 14 Innings At Natchez Park

Teams to Meet Again Tomorrow at Same Field at 0300

In a spectacular 14 inning game during which the score was tied twice, an all star nine representing the Division but composed in the main of men of CT Blue, battled to a 4-4 tie with a nine from Esler Field at Liberty Park, Natchez, last Sunday afternoon.

So pleased were the Natchez fans with the brand of ball exhibited, that arrangements have been made for the two teams to meet again tomorrow afternoon at 1500 at the same park.

63d Uses Two Pitchers

Both teams played smart ball during most of the contest. Capt. Bernard Levkoff, acting Division Special Service Officer, in charge of the Blood and Fire squad, started Charley McCullough, former Association flinger, in the box. McCullough did well until the ninth when he was relieved by Bill Haag, CT Blue ace, who finished the game.

The Infantrymen scored first when they sent three runs across the plate in the third. A bunt by Quinn started the excitement and then a succession of errors and a single by McCabe, the 63d's first baseman, resulted in the scoring. The visitors started to whittle at the Blood and Fire lead in the fifth when they scored their first run. Lakonski singled followed by Kouba. Lakonski scored on Freeman's miscue in center.

'Jinx' Aids Fliers

Another run came home in the sixth when Shreuve walked, went to third on Linderman's double and scored when Quinn erred at the plate. Coming up for the ninth the 63d's management, confident of victory, packed away the bats, and the old "jinx" worked for the Fliers. Fitzgerald walked, Kouba sacrificed him to second, but Anderson fanned. Agnellow singled sharply to center and Fitzgerald scored the tying run to send the game into extra innings.

The Esler team went one run ahead in the first of the tenth when Linderman singled to right and went to second as Czrnowski was being tossed out at first. Lakonski singled and the run was across. The Blood and Fire players stormed back and with one out, Schumacher single to left, McCabe fanned, but McDougal singled to right and the score was tied for the last time 4-4. The Division team threatened in the 12th when Schumacher singled and advanced to second on McCabe's sacrifice bunt, but Anderson caused McDougal to hoist to center and fanned Haag to end the threat.

63d All Stars—ABR H O A E. Poggi, 2b 7 0 0 1 3 0. Stampiglio, 3b 7 1 1 2 0 0. Lanzetti, ss 7 1 2 2 0 0. Schumacher, lf 7 1 3 6 0 0. McCabe, 1b 6 0 2 15 0 1. McDougal, rf 6 0 1 1 0 0. McCullough, p 4 0 2 0 2 2. Haag, p 2 0 0 0 1 0. Freeman, cf 5 0 1 3 0 0. Quinn, c 5 1 3 13 2 1. *Dondonna 0 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 56 4 15 42 8 4.

Esler Field—ABR H O A E. Smolen, lf 3 0 0 1 0 0. Agnellow, lf 4 0 2 0 0 0. Rouse, 2b 6 0 0 3 3 1. Shreuve, ss 6 1 1 1 3 0. Linderman, rf 7 1 2 2 0 0. Glodeck, 3b 3 0 0 1 1 0. Czrnowski, 2b 3 0 0 1 4 1. Lakonski, cf 4 1 2 3 1 0. Fitzgerald, 1b 5 1 0 15 0 0. Kouba, c 5 0 1 15 1 3. Anderson, p 6 0 2 10 1 0. Totals 52 4 10 42 23 6.

Score by innings: 63d All Stars 000 000 000 100 00-4. Esler Field 000 011 001 100 00-4. Earned Runs—Esler 1.

Two base hits—Linderman. Three base hits—Lanzetti, McCabe. Sacrifice hits—Freeman, McCabe, Kouba. Left on Bases—Stars, 12; Esler, 10. Stolen bases—Quinn, Poggi, Lakonski. Double plays—Lakonski to Kouba. Bases on balls—off McCullough 3; off Haag 1. Struck out—by McCullough, 8 in 9 innings; by Haag, 5 in 4 innings; by Anderson, 13 in 14 innings. Hits off McCullough, 6 in 9 innings; Haag, 4 in four innings; off Anderson, 15 in 14 innings. Hit by pitcher—by Haag (Rouse); Balk—McCullough. Umpires—Peale, plate. Gregory, bases.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

363d Med. Bn.—Stork Club: a girl to Maj. and Mrs. Paul V. Kiehl; a girl to Co. D's Sgt. and Mrs. Salvatore Sorriento, and a boy to Co. A's Cpl. and Mrs. Dominic Ingenito (the former Sarah Vincich of the WAC Det) . . . Three new COs are Lt. Robert J. Jensen, succeeding Lt. James B. Shaler in Co. A; Lt. Theodore F. Henek, succeeding Lt. Carl G. Nelson in Co. B, and Lt. Harold E. Jones, succeeding Lt. Robert L. Pye in Co. C . . . Co. B received word that its former member, Pfc. Steve Parchuk, was nicked by a German slug in the arm on the Normandy front, but is back in action. With him in France are three other Co. B alumni, S/Sgt. Alfred Deischel, Pvt. Alfred Allison and Pvt. Charles Cameron.

253d Inf.—Sgt. Warren Dewey, Serv. Co., is the father of a new daughter, Donna Lee, born at Rockford, Ill. Pfc. Edgar H. Griffing, and Pvt. Everett H. Sears, both of Co. E, also are new fathers, Griffing of a 7-pound-10-ounce son and Sears of twins . . . Pfc. Joseph Grucci, Co. B, is working on a history of the regiment . . . Pvt. Thomas B. Dougherty, Co. B, is right-handed but fires the M1 left-handed. Graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, he was an auditor for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for two years, and spent three years in the West Indies and Cuba as chief accountant and assistant manager for the Texas Co. His father was mayor of Sharon, Pa. . . . Good Conduct Ribbons were awarded this week to the following 25 men of Co. K: Pfc. Richard I. Chugg, Emmett J. Debnar, Arnold Pratt, George F. Sekavec, Charles M. Weakland and Gilbert J. Zuppon; Pvts. Enrico W. DiPlacido, Joseph G. Evans, Jr., Gerald P. Fitzgerald, Donald F. Karr, Thomas J. Rafferty, Charles R. Rice, Thomas L. Smith and James I. Wallace; T/5s Leo M. Fong, Willis E. Gami, John J. Jambor and Robert L. Palmer; T/4 Normand P. Neil; Cpls. William G. Phillips and Edward J. Twomey, and Sgts. Thomas M. Hunter, Herbert D. Smith and Stanley Weglarz.

254th Inf.—Two men from Serv. Co. made Aug. 2 a red letter day. Both were married on furlough. They were T/4 Eugene H. Miller, who married Miss Loraine Humphries in Vicksburg, and T/5 William Biesak, who married Miss Wynemo Martin at Ft. Worth, Tex. Cpl. and Mrs. Biesak covered more than 4,000 miles on their honeymoon . . . Capt. Gordon L. Trent, Jr., recently graduated from the Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Benning, Ga., now is commanding Co. K, succeeding Capt. Sidney S. Young.

862d F. A.—S/Sgt. Leland F. Lee, now chief of the machine gun section of Btry. C, is a veteran of Casablanca, Hill 609, Kasserine Pass, Tunisia and the lightning campaign in Sicily. He was a platoon sergeant in charge of four gun sections in an anti-aircraft artillery battalion which destroyed 60 German and Italian aircraft . . . Capt. Maurice N. Giezantanner is new battery commander in Btry. A and Lt. Raymond S. Bryant is new motor officer . . . Two staff sergeants were married recently on furlough. They were Boice W. Hodges, of Btry. A, and Reome Wicken, of the WAC Det, a native of Elmore, Minn. . . . Another marriage in Btry. A is that of Pvt. Willard J. Whittaker, who exchanged vows with Miss Rosamond Harlan, of Greenwood, Miss. . . . Capt. Harold H. Hall is new BC in Hq. Btry., and Lt. John S. Nowicki, Jr., is new reconnaissance officer in Btry. C . . . T/5 Walter C. Smith, Jr., Hq. Btry., received a letter from a friend in the Southwest Pacific, written on crude, coarse-grained, red-lined Japanese stationery.

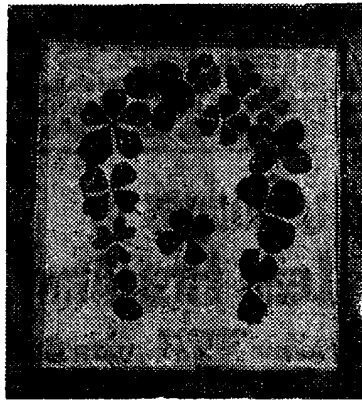
255th Inf.—Three additions to the population are reported by Co. L. Sgt. Charles Bernstein's is a girl, born in Boston; Lt. LaRue Cantrell's also is a girl, born in Helena, Mont., and Pvt. Edward M. Benepe's is a boy . . . Co. I has a new commander, Lt. James A. Urdine; new first sergeant, Vernon C. Morgan, and new acting supply sergeant, Pvt. J. C. Cooley . . . Other new company commanders are Lt. Frank S. Reed, Co. M, and Lt. John V. Ketchman, Co. I . . . Pfc. Pietro Capogreco, Co. K, recently returned from a European battlefield, now is on furlough and will be married in Jersey City before he returns to duty . . . Lt. Allen N. Burdette, Jr., commanding Co. G, had his office painted in varying shades of blue to remind him of blue skies and cool waters . . . 1st/Sgt. Wallace B. Moncreif, Co. F, is the father of Wallace, Jr., born at Savannah, Ga., Aug. 18 . . . S/Sgt. Donald H. Ford married Miss Dorothy Ann Glander at Floral Park, Conn., Aug. 5 . . . Cannon Co. has fenced itself in with white paling, and all posts, handrails, path logs and the lower parts of trees have been given white dress, making the area look cool and inviting . . . The free movie at CT Blue Rec Hall tomorrow night is "Mississippi" . . . Special Services presented "Variety Blues" to a packed house in the rec hall Wednesday night.

718th F. A.—Pvt. Arthur Howell, Hq. Btry., bragged so much about his ability with the harmonica that he was appointed battery bugler . . . T/4 Donald Randall, Hq. Btry., and his wife, Tracy, have a new daughter, who weighed four pounds, 11 ounces, when born at Field Hospital, Centreville . . . Sgt. Norman LeForce, Hq. Btry., is nearing the end of six years in the Army, though he is only 22 years old.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Husband of a successful author and advertising writer is T/4 Thomas (Tony) Deeds, G-3 Sec., a native of Navarre, O., and a New Yorker by adoption. Sgt. Deeds married the former Grace Kohl (she uses her maiden name as her pen name) Oct. 3, 1942, while he was stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Mrs. Deeds, secretary to the signal officer at Pope Field, Ft. Bragg, is the author of four works of non-fiction and is working on a serious novel. Before entering service Sgt. Deeds was an artist specializing in oil portraits. . . . Sgt. Elmer Ambrose, AG Office, was transferred to Transportation Corps OCS, not QM as BLOOD AND FIRE said last week.



GARLAND OF CLOVERS that 25th NCO Club sent to Gen. Eisenhower is shown being examined by Col. Tombaugh and, to right, M/Sgt. Travis B. Herrington. The horseshoe is pictured at right.



Gen. Eisenhower Thanks 255th For 4-Leaf Clovers

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have the letter. I suggest you bring it to the attention of the NCO Club.

"Please extend my best wishes to all the men in the regimental headquarters and to the NCO Club.

"My present assignment at Supreme Headquarters AEF is a drastic and unpleasant change from an Infantry regiment but with fair luck I may get in the battle yet.

"Cordially,
"TOMBAUGH, Col., Inf."
The letter from Gen. Eisenhower will become a permanent exhibit at CT Blue NCO Club.

The Army now has 325 Negro chaplains, six times as many as in World War I.

Puzzle Answer

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Cannoneers Show Marching Ability

Although cannoneers usually do more riding than they do walking, the men of Cannon Co., 254th Inf., displayed their marching ability to thousands of Baton Rouge residents last Friday night at the Louisiana State University stadium, prior to the staging of a combat exercise.

The drill platoon of Cannon Co., composed of assorted cannoneers, ex-Coast Artillerymen, who had formerly been in searchlight batteries before coming to the 63d, and ex-Field Artillerymen, gave a remarkable exhibition of close-order drill under Sgt. Schettini.

Many intricate marching maneuvers not usually included in the regulation close order drill were executed with precision which brought applause from the spectators.

French Baby Named For Seabee's Medic

NORMANDY—The Seabees claim they are prepared to deal with any situation. When a baby was due to arrive in Auverie, a civilian doctor could not be found. A Seabee medical officer took over.

The parents named their new daughter Seabee Paula Fouchard.

Tankdozer, New Gadget, Levels the Landscape

WASHINGTON—The bulldozer, one of the real weapons of this war, now has a big brother called the "tankdozer."

The tankdozer consists of a Sherman medium tank with a huge bulldozer blade on the front. In Italy it pushed through earth walls, hedgerows and over sunken roadways, taking out trees up to 18 inches in diameter.

Sports Flourish Near Front Lines

Whether they are in the jungles of the South Pacific, in the fields of Normandy or the cities of Italy, the American doughboys want their sports. For this reason approximately 20 million dollars worth of athletic equipment is being shipped overseas this year, according to Lt. Col. Henry W. (Eskey) Clark, former Harvard football star, head of the athletic branch of special services.

Back from a tour of combat areas where he inspected sports facilities, Col. Clark outlined an expanded sports program which his branch is preparing for the service forces.

It has been agreed by Army sports authorities that softball, volley ball, boxing and horse shoes are the principal soldier sports because they require less space and equipment than other games.

The new sports plan under preparation, although it will be topped by big championship tournaments, will be aimed to give the soldiers competitive sports whenever they can take time out from fighting.

"The GIs don't wait for the fighting to end," Clark said. "On Saipan they were watching movies when there still were Jap snipers around. I saw one little island in the Marshalls where there were eight softball and one hardball diamonds, and one in the Aleutians had 40 softball fields. And I see they are already making good use of those stadiums Mussolini built in Italy."

63d Swimmers In AAU Meet

The 63d Div. swimming team, which has won several honors in competition during the past season, will compete in the Southern Senior AAU Swimming Meet at New Orleans next Wednesday and Thursday. It was announced today by Division Special Services.

One of the team's outstanding performers, John Simpson, stellar diver, gave an exhibition of diving at the Interfraternity Aquacade last night at the LSU pool. Simpson will be a strong contender in the meet next week.

Other Blood and Fire entries will be Pvt. George Charles, 50-yard free-style; Pvts. Robert Szymanski and Carl Everett, 100-yard backstroke; Cpl. Charles Musolino, S/Sgt. Alston Featherstone and Pvts. Alden Merow and Charles, 300-yard relay; Cpl. Musolino and Sgt. Featherstone, 100-yard free-style; Pvt. Merow, 100-yard breast stroke and 200-yard free-style, and Merow, Szymanski and Charles, 225-yard medley relay.

New Athletic Assistant To Pep Div. Arty. Sports

Athletics in Division Artillery are due for a boost with the announcement from Lt. Richard J. O'Connell Div. Arty. Special Service Officer, that Cpl. Russell Hoendorf has been appointed Athletic Assistant.

Cpl. Hoendorf was Director of Municipal Athletics for the Playground Recreation Board at Decatur, Ill., before coming to the Army, and has had considerable experience in the field of recreation.

The new Athletic Assistant is busy planning types of recreation which will enable the most number of men to participate.

BERNIE BLOOD

Driblets

By GILL FOX





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weekly. Initial service would operate eight Douglas DC-4 planes, requiring 25 flight crews. Rates—one way \$175 daytime, \$200 at night, 10 per cent reduction for round trip.

NEW YORK—A man drowned on the roof of a building in the aftermath of a violent thunderstorm. Alex Nimmo, 54, was attempting to clear a roof drain and the sudden suction of water pulled his arm into the drain and forced his head under water.

LOS ANGELES—Royal Zehner, 44, was glad to see the two policemen even though they did arrest him on suspicion of burglary. Three women occupants caught him in a house, pulled off his coat, knocked him down and sat on him until the officers arrived. Gaspard Zehner to the police: "It was pretty awful until you came."

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—When L. L. Mauldin returned from a West Coast war job, he found his house had been stolen. Not at all, said the district attorney. The house couldn't be stolen because New Mexico has no such statute regarding houses. Hence common law would prevail. Hence, the house would be considered real estate, and since real estate is not considered movable, the house-lugging-away can't be considered theft.

LANCASTER, Pa.—Robert Hoover, 23-year-old farm worker, stopped trimming a hedge long enough to chop a poisonous copperhead snake into three pieces. He picked up the bodyless head to throw it away and was admitted to the Lancaster Hospital suffering from snakebite.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Police Chief R. A. Addison presented safe driving medals to six Fort Lauderdale Transit Co. drivers. A short time later, while crossing the street at a downtown intersection, he was struck by a transit company bus.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—When Federal agents tagged a police radio car here with the marker "PD 13", for failing to display a federal auto use stamp, a red-faced official had to visit the internal revenue office to square things with Uncle Sam.



Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges



BARBERS SCHOOL has been opened at the CT Red Rec Hall. Men of the 253d Inf. are shown gathered about Pfc. Joseph Catalano of Co. B, the instructor. Pfc. Catalano has been a tonsorial artist since 1927. The man getting the haircut is T/4 Steve Kocsi of Co. I, a former cook. Watching are Pvts. Erisco Ciardi, Co. K, who was a butcher, and Jack Steele of Regtl. Hq., a former cement finisher.

Gen. Hodges to Lead First Army

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force—Streamlining for the final punching, the American fighting forces in France have announced the appointment of three new commanders, including Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, former commander of the Third Army when it included the 63d Div.

Gen. Hodges, who had been commanding an Army Corps in the French fighting, was appointed commander of the First Army, succeeding Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who in the same orders was made commander of the entire American fighting force.

Gen. Bradley's new command includes the Third Army, the armor-tipped striking force that sent the Germans reeling back to the Seine. The Third Army is commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks becomes commander of the 2d Armd. Div. and Maj. Gen. Wade H. Haislip is now commander of the XV Corps.

Gen. Hodges, an Army veteran of 39 years' distinguished service, inspected the 63d Div. at Camp Van Dorn last October. Holder of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star, he is a former Chief of Infantry under the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
(From Saturday, August 26, Through Friday, September 1)
SATURDAY—"Mr. Lucky," with Cary Grant and Laraine Day.
SUN.-MON.—"In Society," with Abbott and Costello.
TUESDAY—"San Fernando Valley," with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.
WED.-THURS.—"Wing and a Prayer," with Don Ameche, Dana Andrews and William Eythe.
FRIDAY—"Impatient Years," with Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn.

THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
(From Sunday, August 27, Through Saturday, September 1)
SUNDAY—"Music in Manhattan," with Anne Shirley, Dennis Day and Phillip Terry.
MONDAY—"Mr. Lucky."
TUES.-WED.—"In Society."
THURSDAY—"San Fernando Valley."
FRIDAY—"Wing and a Prayer."

News: Nazis Abandon Invasion of England

FRANCE (CNS)—The Germans no longer plan to invade England, if that's news to anyone. Maps of England have been found in German command posts here. On the backs of the maps are printed fresh maps of the territory the Germans are now trying to defend in France.

Orientation Private in 253d Wins Praise of Colonel

An enlisted man was singled out for commendation this week in unusual action taken by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander and 63d Orientation Officer.

Gen. Harris cited Pfc. George Wasem, Co. L, 253d Inf., for the excellence of his company's orientation display. The general wrote Col. Edward P. Lukert, regimental commander, that the 27-year-old Wasem's work "reflects great credit upon his company."

Wasem has been handling orientation for five of the 11 months he has been in the 253d. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he majored in history, and he studied law at Duke University for a year and a half. In peacetime he analyzed financial statements.

Col. Lukert added his praise to the commendation, saying Co. L "has maintained the finest display in the Division for some time," and naming Lt. Col. John R. Smoak, commanding the 3d Bn., and Capt. Herschell N. Burton, company orientation officer, as "deserving of commendation for this outstanding job, so well done."

Three privates in Co. L received three-day passes because of Wasem's novel handling of orientation. Pvts. William Snyder, Raymond Franz and Jack Doolan were awarded passes for naming the time closest to that of the liberation of Paris.

In another program Wasem arranged to have Pvt. Ewing Ellis, Co. L, veteran of 27 months in the Aleutians, dig a Japanese fox-

63d Concert Band In Debut Tuesday

Music of Sigmund Romberg, Jerome Kern, Ferde Grofe and leading American military march writers will be on the program of the first concert given by the 63d Div. Band since the Division's arrival at Camp Van Dorn a year ago.

The concert is scheduled for 2000 Tuesday in the Open Air Theater.

In addition to the instrumental selections, two vocal solos from the American musical comedies, "The Student Prince" and "Show Boat," will be sung by Sgt. John Campbell, of the band.

The band will be directed by M/Sgt. Leland H. White, who for most of his six years in the Army has been directing military bands and teaching band leaders. Sgt. White, who came to the Blood and Fire Division two months ago, was a musician in St. Petersburg, Fla., and played during the winter season there before entering the Army. He directed the band of the 12th Armd. Div. at Camp Campbell, Ky., and trained cadre band leaders at Ft. Knox, Ky.

The concert program follows:
March, "National Defense" ... Becker
Fantasia, "Over There" ... Grofe
Overture, "Old Vienna" ... King
Tone Poem, "Colonial Portrait" ... Gould
"Rampage of the Old Grey Mare" ... Stacy
March, "The Lone Eagle" ... Cary
1) "Serenade" from "Student Prince" ... Romberg
2) "Make Believe" from "Show Boat" ... Kern
Sgt. John Campbell, Tenor Selection, "Friend Favorites"
Intermezzo, "Pas des Fleurs" ... Moses-Tobani
Medley of Pop Favorites ... Key
arr. by Briegel
a) Alice Blue Gown
b) My Blue Heaven
c) In a Little Spanish Town
d) I'll See You in My Dreams
The Star-Spangled Banner ... Key

hole such as those he saw on Attu. Ellis showed how the Jap soldier on the defensive joins three foxholes, connected by tunnels, when he "digs in." He also exhibited Japanese insignia he obtained in the Aleutians.

Co. L's red, white and blue display, with lighted "shadow boxes" framing each section on a theater of war, was created and executed by S/Sgt. Raymond Neri, Pfc. Kenneth Watts did the carpentry and electrical work.

One-half of the total tonnage of supplies shipped overseas in United Nations bottoms is petroleum products.

Wounded at Cassino—by Trench Foot

Pfc. Bernard C. Rambadt, Co. C, 253 Inf., spent five months in the bloody fighting for Cassino in Italy. He was made a Pfc. in a foxhole in battle. He lived on C rations, went for as long as 20 days without changing his clothes in the bitterly cold Italian campaign.

He faced the dreaded "screaming meemies," the six-barreled Nazi rocket mortar which throws six 55-pound mortar shells at once. And he received nary a scratch.

But, though he was up against rifle fire, artillery and mortars, Rambadt today tells his buddies in the 253d that there is a danger in battle greater than firepower—and it's trench foot.

Not Recovered Yet
Unwounded in intensive action—he wears the Bronze Battle Star—Rambadt was forced into a hospital in Italy and shipped to the United States because of trench foot.

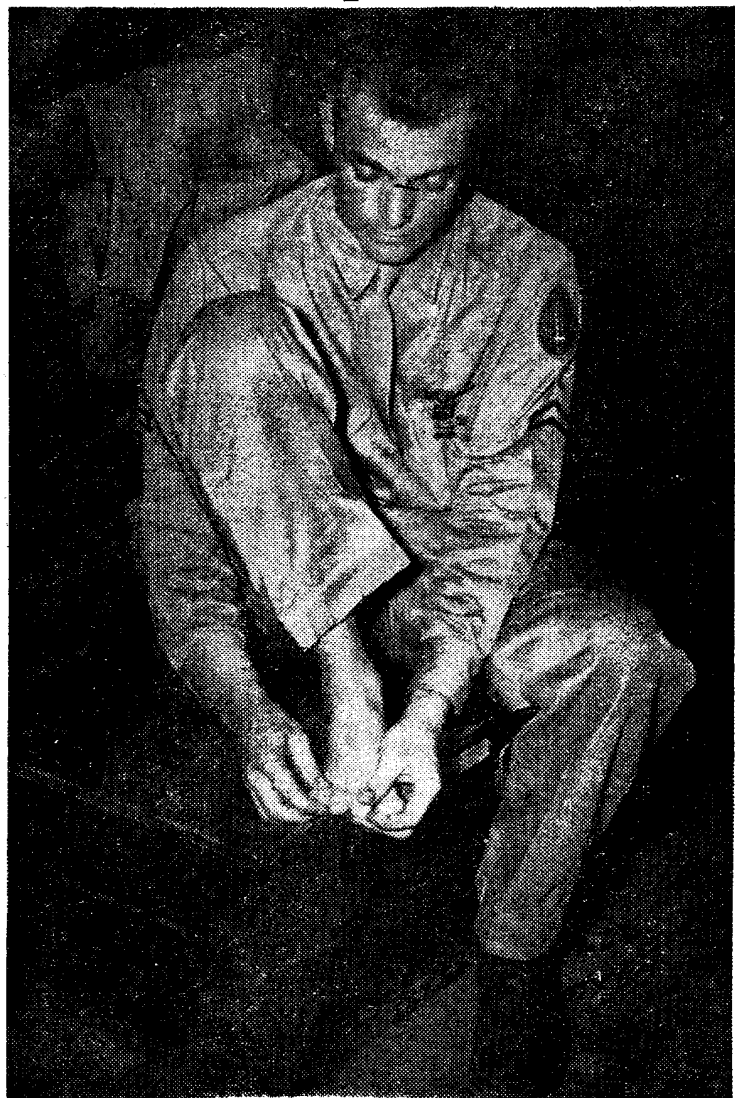
His feet are still numb to a degree and his toenails have not yet grown back.

He landed at Casablanca on November 30, 1943.

"It was awfully hot there," he recalls, "but you'd have to wear your field jacket at night. But that weather in Italy around Cassino was the toughest I've been in. That's how I got trench foot.

Nights Were Freezing
"Freezing night after night in the mud, pinned down in foxholes, going weeks at a time without even a chance to take our clothes off—it was really rugged. We didn't have foot powder or dry socks then. Suddenly your feet would start to slough off. That's trench foot.

"And that's what happened to me. I had faced enemy fire without a scratch, but trench foot put me out of action. They had to put me in a hospital."



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